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Deadline fails to halt the death squads

Hundreds of Ceausescu gunmen still at large

From Michael Horusby, Bucharest

The provisional Romanian Government was under siege last night as hundreds of Securitate gunmen remained at large after defying an ultimatum that they surrender or face firing squads.

Ministers move only with heavily armed guards and change their homes frequently to avoid assassination. Some are travelling to appointments in tanks.

The 5 pm deadline (1500 GMT) for the surrender of diehard Ceausescu supporters was set by the National Salvation Front in the hope of flushing out remaining pockets of resistance.

Those who continued to hide were warned that they would face summary trial and execution if captured, while those who gave themselves up on time had been promised more lenient treatment. But few responded to the offer, even though their leader has been executed and further members of his clan were arrested yesterday.

Ceausescu's sister, nephew and sister-in-law were held in the family's home village of Scornicesti yesterday; while his brother, Marin, apparently hanged himself in the cellar of the Romanian trade mission in Vienna. Ceausescu's sister, Ileana Barbulescu, was said to have cash and cheques worth about £35,000 on her when she was arrested. The former president's son, Nicu, and daughter, Zoia, were arrested last week.

Romania's new government has ended the policy of exporting food, but the decision may serve to aggravate the economic crisis in the Soviet Union, which obtains about 15 per cent of its frozen and fresh meat imports from Romania .....Page 10

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The arrests came as further details emerged of Ceausescu's role in last week's bloodbath, showing that he personally gave the order that the Timisoara demonstrators should be shot and that his final directive was that anyone who opposed his regime should be liquidated.

The Hungarian MTI agency quoted a Communist Party headquarters employee who said Ceausescu had accused the army of sabotage and attacked the defence minister, Vasile Milea, for not putting down the protests quickly enough. Milea was said to have committed suicide, but is believed to have been shot by the Securitate.

The Yugoslav daily, Politika, reported a series of directives issued by Ceausescu: On December 17, he said the units sent to Timisoara were not well armed. "They should today receive arms and munitions. The most severe measures must be taken to prevent any attempt at a *coup d'etat*."

Three days later, he decreed: "We must firmly resist enemy forces trying to organize rallies"; and at 6 pm on December 21, he declared: "Everyone must be at the highest state of organization and fight with arms. The entire party and the people must organize for the defence of the system which is seriously threatened. Anyone who opposes our measures must be liquidated immediately."

By then, Bucharest was under siege, and the following day, Ceausescu and his wife were arrested. On Christmas Day, they were executed.

The speed of the Ceausescus' trial and execution was yesterday regretted by Amnesty International, which – along with the Solidarity leader, Mr Lech Walesa – appealed to the new Government to avoid summary conviction and execution of diehard followers.

Mr Walesa said: "I hope that the Romanian nation will be able to build a democratic order by restoring respect for human rights, rebuilding freedom and ensuring the rule of moral order in public life."

The National Salvation Front claims to have captured large numbers of the security police, but has refused to give any figures. Western diplomatic sources believe several hundred are still free and could remain active for months, disrupting the new Government's efforts to restore stability in the run-up to multi-party elections promised for next April.

Although the total number of armed security men may have been as high as 60,000, most of the resistance to the revolution is attributed to some 2,000 men of an elite anti-terrorist unit, mostly recruited from orphanages and trained in fanatical loyalty to the Ceausescu family.

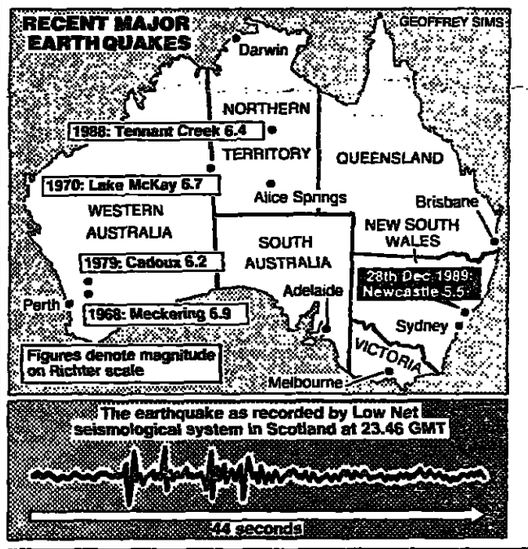
The unit was much better paid, better trained and better equipped than the rank-and-file members of the army, most of whom were conscripts who spent much of their time working as labourers in the fields or on construction sites.

"They appear to operate in groups of twos and threes, to have some sort of central direction, and to be in radio contact because some of their transmission have been intercepted," one diplomat said.

Security police activity appears to have faded for the time being. They had made effective use of an underground labyrinth of tunnels linking many of the main buildings which enabled them to move about unseen; but the tunnel network has now been captured by the army.

Australia's first fatal quake

Residents of Newcastle giving aid to a victim of the earthquake, which wrecked an ambulance centre and damaged a hospital



Quake devastates city and kills 11

From Robert Cockburn, Sydney

In the first fatal earthquake to have hit Australia, 11 people have died and another 12 to 50 people were trapped yesterday beneath the rubble in the south-eastern city of Newcastle on the New South Wales coast.

In the city centre and suburbs 120 people were seriously injured as roofing, masonry and glass crashed to the ground, crushing occupants and passers-by and leaving scores of families homeless. Police fear as many as 50 bodies could still be under the rubble of a workingmen's club where most of the dead have been found.

Although there is not a major geological fault in Australia, there are fairly frequent tremors of the 5.5 magnitude and higher.

As stunned residents, their homes without electricity, gathered on darkened street corners, Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister promised that all possible help would be given to the stricken city.

"This is something new. We haven't had the experience of dealing with death and

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Noriega men held outside embassy

From Martin Fletcher, Washington

US forces yesterday detained two senior Panamanian military officers as they left the Vatican's embassy in Panama City, where their former commander, General Manuel Noriega, has taken refuge.

A US military spokesman said the two men are Colonel Arnulfo Casurejón, a navy commander, and Lieutenant-Colonel Carlos Velardes, chaplain to the Panamanian armed forces.

Earlier, the Vatican made known that although international law forbids it to hand General Noriega directly to the US it has not ruled out handing him over to Panama and may soon begin talks with the new Government of Señor Guillermo Endara.

In another development, the Papal Nuncio in Panama City authorized US troops to enter the Vatican embassy to free employees, should they be taken hostage by General Noriega or any of his associates who have taken refuge.

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A letter from Mgr Juan Sebastian Laboa, the Papal Nuncio, which is addressed "to whom it may concern" and dated December 26 states: "In the case that the subscriber (himself) or any member of the personnel of this embassy be taken as hostage by any person or group of persons, I hereby authorize the United States of America Army to take all steps that it may deem necessary to set the hostages free. Any harm to the hostages must be avoided."

The letter was written on the day that Mgr Laboa held long talks with General Maxwell Thurman, the commander of US troops in Panama, outside the embassy at which, US officials said, the possibility of hostage-taking was discussed.

Although they were disarmed when they entered, there are thought to be at least 10 Noriega loyalists inside.

● President Bush has approved a Pentagon plan to mount a military blockade of Colombia to prevent the export of drugs from Latin American nations by air or sea.

Reports suggest the blockade may be mounted by an aircraft carrier battle group stationed off Colombia's Caribbean coast that would include ships, submarines and around 90 fighter planes, bombers and reconnaissance planes.

Pound hits new low as mark rises

The pound fell to its all-time low against the German mark yesterday but foreign exchange dealers said the fall was caused by the mark's strength rather than the pound's weakness.

At the close the pound stood at DM2.7215, down 2.5 pfennigs on the day. The previous low was struck at DM2.7350 on February 3 1987. Against the dollar the pound was $1.6118, down 1.35 cents.

The stock market was strong again yesterday and the FT-SE 100 index narrowly missed closing above the 2400 barrier. It ended at 2398.8, up 3.0 after touching 2411 midmorning.

Last night Japan announced it aims to open its doors to exporters and is to offer $1 billion package of tax reliefs to Japanese companies seen to be raising imports.

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Snow news good news for skiers

By Paul Wilkinson

The snow-starved slopes of Europe should receive a decent covering in time for the New Year as temperatures drop across the Alps.

Heavy falls this week now mean good coverings on many of the pistes in Austria, France and Switzerland as the resorts open for the holiday season.

The Austrian National Tourist Office reports the snowfalls were good, especially at the higher levels.

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Obergurgl has more than one metre on the upper slopes and a 40cm on its lower slopes. Obertauern has one metre on the high ground and 70cm lower down.

In France several runs are now open at Chamonix and Argentiere with hard-packed snow on many upper slopes. At Les Arcs there are good packed pistes on the high runs.

In Switzerland ski areas are open at Saas Fee and there is "brilliant" snow on the upper slopes at Davos. The Madrisa area at Klosters is open.

In Italy there are good conditions at Livigno and at Cervinia most of the runs have what resort representatives call "ideal conditions". Snow cannon are still being used in Andorra.

In Scotland the only slopes open are near Ben Nevis area.

● Airport delays, resort and hotel problems and health scares are still causing Britons to reject foreign holidays according to a Hoseasons Holidays survey of 1,000 families.

● British Rail in Scotland plans to take advantage of the expected boom in British holidays next year by laying on weekend InterCity "Holidaymaker" specials to the English south coast.

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Dropping names

● Who was who in the Eighties – and who wasn't? And who had just 15 minutes of fame, before we said 'Where are they now?' Today *The Times* recalls some of the famous and nearly-famous, and predicts the names of the Nineties. Page 14

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JUMBO

● Don't miss our second Jumbo Crossword of the festive season, in *The Times* tomorrow

Portfolio PLATINUM

● There were no winners of yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize. Today's chance to win £4,000 is on page 29

Steroids ban

Legislation to stamp out the use by sportsmen of muscle-enhancing anabolic steroids is to be introduced by the Government. Possession of such drugs would become a criminal offence .....Page 3

Gallacher's in

Bernard Gallacher has been officially announced as Europe's golf captain for the Ryder Cup. He succeeds Tony Jacklin. Pages 32 and 36

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Photographer dies in Bucharest plane crash

By Geoff King

A freelance photographer working for *The Sunday Times* in Romania was killed in a plane crash yesterday while trying to bring his film back to Britain.

Mr Ian Parry, aged 24, a single man originally from Prestatyn, Wales, who had been living in London, was in a light aircraft which crashed in bad weather shortly after it left Bucharest for Belgrade to pick up relief supplies.

Mr Andrew Neil, editor of *The Sunday Times*, said: "He was young, dedicated, and undoubtedly a rising star."

Mr Ian Parry: Died trying to bring film back to Britain

THE TOWN CEAUSESCU CALLED HOME

The dictator's family leaves a trail of wreckage

From Philip Jacobson, Scornicesti, Romania

Ceausescu, the dead Romanian dictator, like his father and grandfather, was born and bred in a simple peasant home in this little southern Romanian town.

When he became the absolute ruler of the country almost 50 years later, he made sure that Scornicesti got more than its share of the perks whose gift went with his job: good roads, reliable electricity and phone services, a fine modern clinic, and, of course, a museum dedicated to the greater glory of himself.

Before the local-boy-made-good visited, the town would get a quick facelift, and locals in the magic circle could look forward to lavish entertainment in what had become a well-guarded luxury complex behind a high security fence.

Today the interior of the main house resembles an expensive rubbish dump, comprehensively wrecked in sheer spite by members of Ceausescu's family before they attempted, mostly unsuccessfully, to escape.

● The expensive dresses were soaked in paint so no one else could wear them ●

The former dictator's sister, to judge by the many photographs showing her handing over certificates to unnaturally neat schoolchildren kitted out in white shirts and Young Communist neckties, was normally in charge in the house.

According to local people, she was given a senior post in the higher education centre, though it was well known that she was "little clever".

As the first Western journalist to visit Scornicesti since the revolution, I was warmly welcomed by two teenage conscript soldiers who considered a packet of cigarettes more than fair return for a guided tour.

There had been no fighting at all in Scornicesti, they said: the family had run for cover with a retinue of bodyguards and hangers-on as soon as the going got rough.

The first thing the soldiers showed me, with a disdainful poke of an AK-47 rifle, was a pile of expensive dresses that the fleeing family had apparently soaked in paint to make quite sure nobody else could wear them. "Devastation," muttered one of the lads, booting a flattering portrait of Ceausescu out of the way.

Shades of Mrs Imelda Marcos, the former First Lady of the Philippines, there were also shoes scattered everywhere – cheap and nasty mixed with the best Italian and French lines and thigh-length boots of fine leather.

The floor of the main living-room was knee-deep in torn clothing, littered with books, photograph albums and dozens of postcards. On one, I discovered that Ceausescu had dropped a line to an old friend, Colonel Ionito, just a few days before

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Poll fear on NHS, hope over Aids

Only 47% expect to see Kinnock in power by year 2000

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Even after 10 years of Conservative government less than half the British public believe that there will be a Labour government by the year 2000.

The glum news for Mr Neil Kinnock and his party on the eve of the new decade comes in the latest MORI opinion poll to be broadcast on LBC Crown FM's Widlake programme today.

Just over two thirds of Labour supporters (68 per cent) think it will happen and less than a third of Conservatives do.

Overall, just 47 per cent expect to see Labour in power by 2000 despite the party's consistent lead in the opinion polls since February.

Respondents were offered a list of 10 things which might happen by 2000 and asked to give their verdict.

Young people now in the 15-24 age group are less likely than others to believe in Labour's future, only 42 per cent of them reckoning that Mr Kinnock's party will gain power during the next decade.

The poll shows first-time voters less likely than their elders to believe in reunification of East and West Germany (35 per cent of the 15-24s), a united states of Europe (24 per cent) and in a Europe free of nuclear weapons (18 per cent). Young people are more pessimistic about the possibility of a big ecological disaster because of the greenhouse effect.

Twenty-eight per cent of them believe it will happen in the next decade, compared with only 22 per cent of the public generally.

Nearly twice as many young people — though only 7 per cent to 4 per cent of the general public — believe there will be a world war by 2000.

Less than half the nation, 42 per cent, believes that East and West Germany will be reunified in the next decade, while 28 per cent expect the achievement of a united states of Europe and 24 per cent a Europe free of nuclear weapons by 2000.

Despite all the assurances from Mrs Margaret Thatcher and from Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, that the Conservative Government has no intention of privatizing the NHS the present health service reforms are clearly seen as a first step in that direction.

A majority of the public (53 per cent) believes the NHS will pass into the private sector by 2000. The figure includes equal numbers of Labour and Conservative supporters.

Four in 10 people expect a cure for Aids to be found during the decade.

Less than one in ten people believes that Scotland will become independent of the rest of Great Britain by 2000, although 16 per cent of Scots expect it.

Only 8 per cent believe that there will be unification of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

● The Prime Minister was voted British Woman of the Decade by 65 per cent of respondents to a nationwide survey published yesterday.

The 2,000 people questioned by *Hello!* magazine were, however, stumped when it came to nominating her male counterpart: 40 per cent were unable to think of a figure deserving the title British Man of the Decade, which went to the Prince of Wales, with a poll of just 17 per cent.

The survey was conducted by MORI for LBC Crown FM among 1,935 adults aged 15 and over face to face in 143 constituency sampling points from December 7 to 11, 1989.

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Coastal alert for chemicals

Enveloped in protective gear, Dr Paul Eccles, scientific adviser to the Isle of Wight County Council, tests one of the drums of dangerous chemicals that have been washed up on the island's beaches since a Pakistani freighter sank off the Devon coast six weeks ago. Several hundred five-gallon drums have already been been found on beaches in the Isle of Wight, Dorset and Hampshire, and coastguards were on the alert last night as up to 2,200 drums still at sea threatened the South Coast. They are expected to be washed ashore in the next few days. The public has been warned to keep away from the drums because five contain cyanide, some contain liquid oxygene and others contain acids.

Times readers' representative is appointed

Mr John Grant has been appointed as *The Times* readers' representative in line with the recent decision taken by editors of national newspapers. He will investigate readers' complaints concerning alleged errors, misrepresentations or the conduct of *Times* staff and make recommendations to the editor.

The new system for dealing with complaints is being set up in accordance with the code of conduct agreed by editors to give dissatisfied readers the opportunity to have matters dealt with speedily.

Formerly deputy editor and managing editor of *The Times*, Mr Grant was educated at Balliol College, Oxford, and spent the war years as a captain in the Royal Artillery. His journalistic career began on the *Liverpool Daily Post*, from where he moved to *The Manchester Guardian* in 1950.

He joined *The Times* as Defence Correspondent in 1955 and later became news editor and home editor. He was managing editor from 1970 until he became deputy editor in 1982.

During his career at *The Times* he was also chairman of the editorial committee of the Newspaper Publishers Association and a member of the "D Notice" Committee, a voluntary system whereby media and government representatives judge whether news items breach national security. He was also a member of the Government's study committee on military censorship and a judge for the British Press Awards.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

More drivers fail breath tests

The number of motorists failing or refusing breath tests over the Christmas holiday in Scotland rose by almost a third on the same period last year, the Scottish Office reported last night (Kerry Gill writes).

Statistics compiled by Scottish police forces show that 296 motorists either failed or refused a test in the week to December 27. That figure, comprised of 270 failures and 26 refusals, compares with 228 over the same period last year.

The rise was described as disappointing by Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Minister for Home Affairs at the Scottish Office. The number of breath tests increased by 53 per cent this year and it seems certain that the police will adopt a stricter campaign over the New Year.

Lord James said he was pleased that the police had increased the number of breath tests, which was reflected in the number of motorists failing. "Nevertheless, too many people are clearly not paying enough attention to the message that drinking and driving wrecks lives."

More court TV links

Equipment that would allow witnesses in child abuse cases to give evidence by live television link, under the terms of the 1988 Criminal Justice Act, is to be extended to seven more crown courts at the behest of the Lord Chancellor's Department (Quentin Cowdry writes). The equipment, already in use at 14 courts, is now to be installed at crown courts in Bristol, Cardiff, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, Northampton, Norwich, Stafford and Teeside.

Fire claims up a third

Fire insurance claims, which probably include the £5.5 million restoration of Uppark, in West Sussex, one of Britain's finest 17th-century homes, rose by more than a third during the summer, according to figures published by the Association of British Insurers (David Cross writes). "It is of grave concern that there were 16 fires costing more than £1 million between July and September," Mr Michael Jones, the ABI chief executive, said yesterday. He said that higher losses must result in dearer premiums. Claims rose to £212.4 million in the summer quarter.

Boy trapped in pool

Firemen fought for seven hours yesterday to free a boy aged 11 trapped by his arm in a swimming pool. The boy was up to his neck in water when he jammed his right arm in an inlet pipe at a pool at the White Water Hotel, Backbarrow, Cumbria. Firemen and police officers helped to keep the boy's head above water while others pumped the pool dry. Pneumatic drills were used to cut through concrete at the poolside to reach the four-inch diameter metal pipe.

Arson case remand

An Iranian student was yesterday remanded in custody by Lambeth magistrates, south London, until January 4 accused of causing a fire at Dillon's Bookshop, Gower Street, Bloomsbury, central London, on April 9. Mehrdad Kokabi, aged 33, of Chorlton on Medlock, Manchester, was also charged with conspiring with others unknown to cause an explosion likely to "endanger life or cause serious injury to property" on or before December 15.

Irish presidency move

Mr Brian Lenihan, deputy Irish Prime Minister and defence minister, yesterday announced his willingness to stand for the Irish presidency, which falls vacant next year. He said: "I would be honoured by nomination for the President of Ireland." However, asked on Irish radio if he was vying for the presidential candidacy of his party, Fianna Fail, Mr Lenihan, aged 59, who has recovered from a liver transplant this year, replied that it was "early days yet".

Controllers suspended as dispute worsens

The ambulance dispute worsened yesterday with the suspension of 18 control staff and the decision by three stations in London to boycott all calls (Mark Souster writes).

Industrial action is likely to be stepped up next week as union leaders face demands to increase pressure on the Government. Controllers based at Kenton and Ilford, two of four regional centres in London, refused to transfer to London Ambulance Service headquarters and are to be stood down without pay from 7am today. Unions said regional staff had been called in to overcome a staff shortage at headquarters and to assist on New Year's Eve, traditionally the busiest night of the year.

The development came as the TUC steering committee announced a meeting at Transport House next Thursday, January 4, to decide on proposals to widen industrial action.

A total of 80 men at Isleworth, Twickenham and Feltham, west London, decided yesterday to stop answering calls from central control or the public.

The prospect of no emergency cover in Essex over New Year loomed as 100 ambulance crew voted to call for a one-day strike.

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Kidnap clues may solve murder of millionaire's wife

By David Sapsted

Detectives in Devon believe they may have solved the eight-year-old mystery surrounding the murder of a millionaire's wife who was shot six times in her country house near Budleigh Salterton.

A report on the killing of Mrs Juliet Rowe is expected to be submitted to Mr Allan Green, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, next month for a decision on whether charges should be brought.

Until recently, the murder of Mrs Rowe in September, 1981, had appeared motiveless. The killer, armed with a .22 handgun or rifle, chased her around her home and, although she managed to press a "panic button" alerting the local police, the attacker had fled by the time a patrol car arrived ten minutes later.

Mrs Rowe, aged 42 and the mother of two sons, was shot four times in the back, but the fatal, final two shots were fired at a range of less than two inches into her head and chest as she lay on the floor.

Initially, detectives believed that Mrs Rowe might have disturbed a burglar — though no valuables were missing — or that she had been the victim of an attack by Hell's Angels. Now they believe she was the intended victim of a kidnap attempt that went wrong when she tried to escape.

The murder investigation was reactivated in August this year when several people were arrested after Mr Victor Cracknell, a wealthy businessman, was abducted at gunpoint from his home in East Horsley, near Guildford, Surrey. A £142,000 ransom was paid before Mr Cracknell escaped from the remote spot on Dartmoor, where he had been held for five days.

On the day Mrs Rowe was killed, her husband, Gerald — a food store businessman — had been lured to an appointment with a salesman who never arrived and whom police were never able to trace.

Mrs Juliet Rowe: Panic button failed to save her.

More than 100 officers were involved in the inquiry, led by Det Chief Supt John Bissett, then head of Devon and Cornwall CID. Mr Bissett retired two years ago.

A senior officer told the inquest in 1982: "The entire inquiry has been negative. All our inquiries to date indicate no motive at all."

Devon and Cornwall police confirmed yesterday that the murder of Mrs Rowe was being reinvestigated and that a report would be submitted soon to the Crown Prosecution Service.

Over the past three months, a team of detectives, headed by Det Sergeant Mike Walsh, has re-examined the old statements and interviewed many new witnesses. The new file contains several hundred statements.

A man in prison and a number of his associates have been interviewed. Forensic scientists have re-examined the bullets and ammunition cases, but police yesterday refused to comment on a claim that an old, .22 pistol was in their possession.

Speelman sets cracking pace

TIM BISHOP

Jon Speelman in party mood yesterday during his drawn match against Michael Adams.

A razor-sharp all-British clash was the centre piece of the first round of the Foreign & Colonial Hastings Chess Congress Premier Tournament yesterday.

The meeting between Jon Speelman, aged 33, the grandmaster from north London, played with the black pieces, and Michael Adams, aged 18, from Truro, Cornwall, had been eagerly awaited.

Earlier this year Speelman became the first Briton to reach the semi-finals of the world championship, while Adams qualified in the summer as the world's youngest chess grandmaster.

Speelman defended with a highly unorthodox version of the Pirc, named after a Yugoslav grandmaster. Adams whipped up a fierce attack but brilliant defensive pirouettes by Speelman forced his opponent to acquiesce in perpetual check on the 34th move.

Other first round results: Kevin Spraggett, the former Commonwealth champion of Canada, drew with Sergei Dolmatov, the Russian grandmaster; Predrag Nikolic, the Yugoslav grandmaster, drew with Murray Chandler, the British grandmaster. Boris Gulko (USA) beat Artur Yusupov (USSR) after 48 moves.

Hastings is the world's oldest traditional tournament, it was first held in 1895. This year's event is rated as category 14 on the World Chess Federation scale, the highest category achieved in the UK.

Steroid abuse to be outlawed by Government

By Quentin Cowdry and John Goodbody

Ministers are to introduce legislation to stamp out the use of muscle-enhancing anabolic steroids, it emerged yesterday.

With evidence continuing to mount of the widespread use of steroids in many sports, senior ministers, having overruled objections in Whitehall, have decided to extend the 1971 Misuse of Drugs Act to make possession of such drugs a criminal offence.

Present legislation is widely seen as inadequate because it only outlaws the selling of unprescribed anabolic steroids, a loophole which has allowed the use of such drugs to flourish despite rising concern about their effects on competitors' health and the image of sports.

A decision in principle to legislate was taken after the last meeting of the Ministerial Group on the Misuse of Drugs. It is expected to be ratified by a Cabinet committee in the next month or so.

The Government originally announced in September 1988 that it was planning to legislate against hormone drugs but the Home Office has increasingly hesitated. Some senior civil servants have argued that legislation is unwarranted as steroid abuse alone is not a major social problem.

However, a senior government source yesterday said that ministers were now of the view that if steroids were not "mind bending" they were potentially "body destroying" and that action could no longer be delayed.

He said: "Making possession a criminal offence will signal the gravity with which the Government views these drugs which undoubtedly can be extremely damaging to health."

The Home Office legislation, which will probably enjoy cross-party support, will be introduced by statutory order. This means the offence could be on the statute book within the next few months. Britain will be the third country, after Norway and Sweden, to make the possession of steroids without a prescription a criminal offence.

The decision was welcomed by Sir Arthur Gold, chairman of the British Olympic Association and a ceaseless campaigner against drug abuse in sport. He said: "This legislation will certainly cut down on the trafficking of these drugs. It is an encouraging moment. But the campaign continues."

Hormone drugs can aid sportsmen and bodybuilders either to add muscle weight or to recover more swiftly from intensive training.

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Scientists seek answer on vitamins' role in intellect

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Hundreds of British schoolchildren are to take part in an international investigation into whether vitamin pills can improve their intellectual performance.

The scientific study, the biggest of its kind, aims to answer intriguing questions about the possible effects of nutrition on brain power. Eight hundred pupils in England, a similar number in the United States, and 400 in Israel, will be recruited with their parents' consent.

Next month, the pupils will undergo psychological tests and then receive daily supplies of vitamin and mineral supplements. At the end of the three-month project, they will be tested to see whether their school work has improved.

Researchers have mounted the study because of controversy over a smaller experiment with Welsh schoolchildren two years ago. It appeared to show an increase in non-verbal intelligence among pupils who took the pills. However, some experts criticized it as unscientific and concluded, from their own studies, that no improvement in intellectual performance could be expected from the pills.

The new research is being organized by the Dietary Research Foundation, a charity that funds investigations into possible links between diet and behaviour.

One of the foundation's scientific advisers, Professor John Yudkin, emeritus professor of nutrition at London University, said yesterday: "We want to try to resolve the argument one way or another. If vitamin supplements could be shown to be of intellectual benefit, that would be tremendously exciting.

"I am sceptical, but I want to keep an open mind. There is no evidence that I know of which convincingly supports the theory, but I do think this study is worthwhile and I want to help it to be conducted in a proper, scientific way."

The American part of the study is being overseen by Dr Linus Pauling, who has twice been awarded a Nobel prize and who writes on nutrition.

Mr Ian Stoakes, the foundation's chief executive, said: "We are keen to do this on an international scale because the implications seem enormous."

Four schools in Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, are to supply volunteers.

Couple might have been lured to death

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

Miss Maxine Arnold may have been lured to her death alongside her lover to send the police on a false trail, a senior officer said yesterday.

Miss Arnold and Mr Terence Gooderham were found shot dead in Mr Gooderham's Mercedes car in Epping Forest last week. Det Supt Roland Harris said it was possible that Miss Arnold, aged 32, died in the killer's attempt to hide the real motive.

Mr Gooderham, aged 38, spent three days a week with Miss Arnold at a flat in Walthamstow, east London, and the rest with Miss Carol Wheatley in a house in Chingford. Miss Wheatley did not know about the other relationship and police said yesterday that she was not under suspicion.

Police will today reconstruct what they think was the route taken by the couple on their way to the forest lovers' lane, starting at the flat in Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, which was left last Friday evening with lights on and the door double-locked. Police believe the couple could have left the flat under threat and agreed to meet someone at the clearing.

Officers will also investigate Mr Gooderham's business interests — he worked for a company which audited stock for public houses. Mr Harris said the killing could have been professional.

PORTFOLIO

There were no valid claims in yesterday's Portfolio Platinum competition, so the prize money today is doubled to £4,000.

Metal implant breakthrough

Spine cancer victim walks again

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

A technique that can save cancer of the spine victims from spending the rest of their lives paralysed has been perfected by British surgeons.

The method, which relies on inserting a cement or metal implant into the spine to replace damaged bone, has patients up and walking in days and out of hospital in weeks.

Mrs Margaret Smitherman, who was operated on by surgeons at King's College Hospital, south-east London, earlier this month, has been enjoying Christmas at home.

Without the pioneering operation, which has been perfected by Dr Tim Morley, the hospital's orthopaedic surgeon, she would almost certainly be paralysed, consigned to face the rest of her days in a wheelchair and a hospital bed.

"I was brought in finally to control the pain. In the end I could not even tell where it was coming from. The tumour, which was around the sixth or eighth vertebra, had settled on a nerve," Mrs Smitherman, aged 48, from Crofton Park, south-east London, said.

The tumour, pressing on her spinal cord, was depriving her of sensation from her legs and interfering with other muscular functions.

"It felt like I was walking on cotton wool I thought it was the drugs they were giving me," Mrs Smitherman said. At nearly every hospital in the world, neurosurgeons would have performed a laminectomy to remove the life-threatening cancer.

Essentially, doctors operate from the back removing a block of spinal column bone to excise the patient's tumour.

Mr Graham Smibert, senior registrar at King's College Hospital, who has been studying the success rate of the work of Dr Morley and his team, described the traditional operation as in general "a waste of time", with most patients left unable to walk again.

"It is a terrible proceedure which is still being done", Dr Morley confirmed.

Mrs Smitherman: "I cannot believe how lucky I am."

Instead, after going into the operating theatre at King's College Hospital on a Friday followed by a spell in intensive care, Mrs Smitherman took her first faltering steps on the Monday. "I just stood and cried. I thought I would not be able to walk again. I cannot believe how lucky I have been to be here with him", she said, referring to Dr Morley.

Part of the success of the new operation centres on Dr Morley's orthopaedic rather than neurosurgical approach.

He attacks the problem of malignancies from the front of the body rather than the back, easing aside the vital internal organs to reveal the offending tumour. Once that and the damaged bone have been removed, a cement implant is inserted into the gap to recomplete the spinal column.

Support for the implant is provided by a steel rod and screws affixed above and below into the nearest healthy vertebrae.

In a study of 34 paraparetic patients, who have been operated on at King's using the orthopaedic implant procedure, 29 were back on their feet within days.

Paraparetic individuals are people slipping into complete paralysis who have have some movement left but cannot walk or support their bodies.

Dr Morley and his team are now set to implement further improvements to the operation. Dr David Harrison, who assists him, said it was in the process of designing vertebral implants made from titanium.

Titanium is recognized as a metal with unique medical properties. Its thin outer oxide layer allows living bone to graft powerfully with the metal to form a highly solid and stable support.

"We are going to put in a mesh of titanium, which can either be reinforced by injecting cement or injecting a soup of bone cells into it to produce a solid bone within the mesh", Dr Morley said.

Cancer of the spine is normally a secondary tumour, with patients having first suffered breast or lung cancer.

Tragically, many do not survive for more than a few years, despite the implant operation but Dr Morley said improvements were at hand.

"Sometimes I can remove the whole of the tumour and hope to get a long-term recovery", he said.

The titanium implant should mean that for those patients, the metal reconstruction will last them forever.

Mr Smibert said the message that needed to be hammered home to the medical profesion was clear: there is a now a genuine alternative to a laminectomies and permanent paralysis. It was cost-effective, he said.

Human scarecrows on a wild goose chase

By Kerry Gill

Up to 50 inhabitants on the Scottish island of Islay will be paid to spend the next few months dashing over fields flapping their arms and screaming their heads off.

The spectacle will be part of a government-backed exercise called the Goose Scaring Scheme, in which human scarecrows will try to frighten wintering Greenland geese.

Islay's crofters are plagued each year by 30,000 of the rare geese, which descend on fields and eat the crops. The annual invasion has caused a long and bitter dispute between islanders and the conservationist lobby anxious to halt a recent decline in the number of birds.

Islay is believed to support a third of the world's population of Greenland white-fronted geese; and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has vigorously opposed the issuing of licences allowing people to shoot geese which damage crops. Last winter, 741 barnacle geese and six white-fronts were shot under licence.

Now the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Scotland, is giving up to 54 farmers £50,000 to employ people to scare off the geese.

Mr Frank Hamilton, of the RSPB in Scotland, said: "We are very much in favour of the scheme and we congratulate the Nature Conservancy Council and DAFS for this."

Mrs Anne Morton, of Port Charlotte, Islay, said: "It may sound a bit daft to people, but these geese have flocked here in their thousands. When you have as many as five thousand in one field they can strip it bare in a matter of hours.

"The best way to get rid of them is to run through them flapping your arms like a windmill and screaming like a banshee. That's how I get rid of them from my garden," she said.

The Portnahaven Community Council said: "It sounds so primitive, like something you would find in Africa. A thousand pounds is a lot of money and it would be very attractive to unemployed young people, but someone will have to make sure they are really running round doing the job."

Lord Sanderson of Bowden, Scottish Office minister of state, said a restricted number of licences to shoot geese might be issued if the scheme failed.

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First pollution fine on privatized water firm brings warning

By David Sapsted

The first successful prosecution of a water authority since privatization was followed yesterday by a warning by the National Rivers Authority (NRA) that it would bring legal action against any other newly formed companies polluting Britain's rivers.

Yorkshire Water Services Ltd, successor to Yorkshire Water Authority, was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay £215 costs by Sheffield magistrates after pleading guilty to a pollution incident that killed hundreds of fish.

After the case, the NRA — the watchdog organization set up by the Government to supervise the industry after privatization — said: "We are very pleased with the outcome of this case. It shows we do have the necessary teeth and that we are prepared to use them."

Yorkshire Water was prosecuted as a result of an incident on September 28, less than a month after privatization. The court was told that staff at the Morehall water treatment works at Oughtibridge, near Sheffield, had flushed 100 gallons of spilled chemical into a trout stream, not realizing it was toxic to fish.

NRA pollution control officers found 300 dead trout floating in the stream, the Ewden Beck, but estimated that the final toll was probably three times greater. A further 140 fish were killed at the British Tissues plant, which draws water from the stream.

Yesterday, Yorkshire Water pleaded guilty to causing a poisonous, noxious or polluting matter to enter the stream.

Miss Catherine Carter, prosecuting for the NRA, said the chemical polyelectrolyte had been flushed into the beck after a spillage. "Within four hours of the chemical entering the stream, fish were dead and dying," she said.

"This was an error by the company and following the incident at Camelford and another involving the same chemical [in Wales when thousands of fish died], it should have been cleared away safely. But someone made the decision that, as it was a water treatment chemical and therefore safe in water, they could get rid of it down the beck." Mr Stuart McFarlane, for Yorkshire Water, said the spillage arose because a recently delivered consignment of the chemical was found to exceed the six tons that had been ordered, causing a tank to overflow.

The spillage was pumped into lagoons and then allowed to enter the stream because operators did not think there would be any danger.

Since the incident, he said, the company had reviewed its procedures and introduced many changes.

He said British Tissues had been compensated for their loss of fish and added: "We apologize to everyone concerned. It was a unique situation."

The NRA has a case outstanding against a second authority, Northumbria, as a result of the alleged leakage of hypochloride at the Tunstall water treatment works. That case was adjourned earlier this month after Northumbria pleaded not guilty.

Since coming into being earlier this year, the NRA has launched more than 50 prosecutions against other bodies for alleged pollution and a further 80 incidents are under investigation.

Home comforts in a whisky vat

Dr Roger Doudna, a philosopher, relaxing yesterday at his Scottish home built out of a whisky vat. Dr Doudna's vat, which — unlike Diogenes' barrel — is insulated and has a wooden interior lining, forms a circular room 30 feet in diameter. He has a study-lounge, with storage heaters, a music system and a telephone. The sleeping-space is reached by ladder. Off the room is a small kitchen and a bathroom. There is a faint aroma of whisky as, for 50 years, the vat was used for blending at a Fife distillery. The house at the Findhorn Community, a self-help spiritual commune, near Forres, Grampian, cost Dr Doudna £10,000 to build.

Whitehall checks its recycling progress

By Michael McCarthy
Environment Correspondent

An audit of recyclable products such as paper and cardboard is to be carried out at Whitehall to ensure that government departments make full use of recycling.

Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department of the Environment, is writing to ministers in every department, asking them to list the recyclable products they order and purchase. His aim is to compile a dossier on the recycling policies each department pursues to boost demand for recyclable products in the public sector.

Yesterday, the organization Friends of the Earth, in conjunction with *The Daily Telegraph*, launched 51 county-by-county guides giving the whereabouts of "bottle banks", save-a-can sites and "paper igloos".

● The Countryside Commission sets out its agenda for the 1990s today. It states that environmental awareness and agricultural surpluses that mean less land is needed for farming offer an opportunity to beautify the countryside and protect key sites. It calls for incentives for farmers to meet people's need for beautiful countryside as well as food.

New farm harvest, page 16

Air traffic

Travellers 'inured to airport delays'

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Airline passengers are becoming accustomed to flight delays and now take long take long waits at airports for granted, according to the Association of European Airlines.

New figures from the association, which represents 21 airlines throughout Europe, show that more than one in four European flights are delayed for over 15 minutes and the problem is getting worse.

The report said: "The most alarming feature is that delays in Europe are now virtually taken for granted." Last summer 25.4 per cent of European flights were delayed for more than 15 minutes compared with 20.5 per cent in 1988, 15.2 per cent in 1987 and 12.2 per cent in the "normal" conditions of 1986.

"As has been the case since the delay crisis began, the most commonly reported reasons for delay are airport and air traffic control-related, along with the reactionary delays which such problems generate throughout the schedule," the association said.

"We are continuing to press for fundamental changes in the way air traffic control services are provided, which we see as offering the only realistic escape from the congestion deadlock."

The Civil Aviation Authority is preparing a detailed explanation of how it is trying to overcome the problem by spending more than £600 million on new equipment. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission will carry out a five-month investigation into how the authority manages Britain's air traffic control.

It is the second time the commission has been asked to invstigate the authority in seven years and it is part of a government check on the efficiency of nationalized industry monoplies.

Many people within the aviation authority are concerned that the investigation may look only at the provision of services on a "value for money" basis as they did in 1982. That report was considered disastrous for criticizing the authority for having too many air traffic controllers.

In the meantime, a new air corridor is to be opened along the East coast to try to ease congestion over the Midlands.

The aviation authority's decision to allow 19 flights to use the new route is in response to complaints from airlines. The corridor does, however, cross several military training areas and the RAF objected as it needs clear air space for exercises involving strike aircraft and fighters.

An agreement has been drawn up, however, allowing civilian aircraft to fly at a minimum height of 25,000ft along the corridor, well above the normal exercise areas, and that it will be monitored by radar and ground control facilities.

The authority will make use of the new route from March for a trial period of a year. The main users are expected to be domestic flights from Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports to Teesside, Newcastle and Aberdeen.

Labour fears for 'third division'

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Britain faces dropping into the third division of world powers as it enters the 1990s underinvested and with a huge trade deficit that will undermine the nation's ability to compete, the Labour Party said yesterday.

The party's attack came as ministers and the City await today's publication of the latest trade figures which will end a bad year for Britain's balance of payment.

As experts in the City estimated that the trade gap last month had widened to £1.7 billion, the Government was told by an adviser to the Commons Treasury Select Committee to increase income tax as a means of slowing down consumer spending.

Blaming the huge trade deficit on too much spending by consumers, Mr Gavyn Davies, an economist, said that the Government faced a difficult trick if it was to dampen down consumer spending without suppressing investment.

The Opposition indicated that it will renew its attack of the Government's management of the economy when Mr Bryan Gould, Labour spokesman on the environment, launched a twin attack on the Conservative economic record and its policy towards events in Europe.

Mr Gould issued a warning that Britain ended the decade having lost further ground and "in danger of being relegated to the third division of world powers".

He said that economic weakness meant that Britain would shortly drop out of the ranks of the world's leading economies. Having already been overtaken by Italy, Spain might be next to overtake the UK followed by the emerging countries of the Pacific rim.

They were spending more than Britain on educating and training those aged between 16 and 18, Mr Gould said in a message to his Dagenham constituency.

Mr Gould said that Britain was no more than a "bit player" in relation to the momentous events of recent months with Mrs Margaret Thatcher's only posture being one of embarrassing and disregarded subservience to the Americans, hostility to the Commonwealth and negativism towards Europe.

Mr Davies, an economist with Goldman Sachs, advised Mr John Major, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to consider increasing income tax as part of the effort to dampen consumer spending.

"If the Government wants to keep interest rates this high, the balance of payments will improve, but the problem if they do that is that investment will fall sharply. What they now need to do is to suppress consumer spending without suppressing investment — and that is a heck of a hard trick".

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Secondary school wastage

Poor pay and low morale 'driving teachers away'

By David Tytler, Education Editor

Parents unhappy with their children's GCSE and A-level results will be able to appeal to an independent tribunal under plans announced yesterday by Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science (David Tytler writes).

Talks will start immediately on plans for the independent appeals procedure proposed by the School Examinations and Assessment Council. The aim is to provide an independent last resort for pupils, parents or schools challenging GCSE and A/AS level results. Final recommendations are expected by March.

The tribunal will not be allowed to re-mark papers but can instruct an examining body to reconsider its marks. Mr MacGregor said scrutiny by an independent tribunal "should provide an additional assurance of fair dealing".

Poor pay, overwork and collapsing morale led nearly 6,000 secondary teachers to leave the classroom this year, research published yesterday shows. They are unlikely to return, with one in six state school posts remaining unfilled.

Only about 20 per cent of the 11,000 secondary school teachers who leave or retire early each year return to teaching, Professor Alan Smithers, of Manchester University's School of Education, says. Seven out of 10 who leave for other jobs become self-employed.

The two-year survey of 417 secondary schools in England and Wales says that the Government's wastage rate of 1 per cent (about 2,000) of secondary school teachers a year "grossly underestimates" the problem. It says that the true dropout figure should include the 4,000 who take early retirement through sickness or dissatisfaction.

Professor Smithers said: "The Government is choosing to highlight the 1 per cent going into alternative employment. They are ignoring people who give up for other reasons."

Teaching qualifications had little value outside education, he said. As a result, 70 per cent of teachers leaving became self-employed, running guest houses, selling insurance, becoming tour operators, telecommunications consultants, freelance radio presenters and road safety officers.

"Those leaving are not being lured into paid employment. They are largely having to create that employment themselves. It is an indication of how dissatisfied they are with the profession," Professor Smithers said. "Some are going because they are fed up with whingeing colleagues. They hate going to the staff room to listen to moaning."

The survey, commissioned by the Leverhulme Trust, confirms that teacher shortages are most acute in London and the South-east, where many teachers leave for schools in the North.

Professor Smithers said that "the economic migration" caused by high house prices is also adding to classroom shortages in the Midlands.

"In London, the South-east and the West Midlands you have a higher resignation rate than in the North. There are also fewer people coming forward to fill vacant jobs. Teaching is a fairly mobile profession." The average turnover of staff in state schools in England and Wales is 10 per cent a year compared with 6.8 per cent in independent schools.

The Department of Education and Science said: "We still have to examine his evidence but we maintain that the number of teachers actually leaving the profession for other paid employment is very small, only 1 per cent, a figure which is about the same as it was in 1982."

The main findings are:

- One in 10 secondary teachers, about 11,000, change jobs or retire each year.
- More than half of these move to new careers or retire.
- Four out of five who retire leave early because of illness or dissatisfaction.
- About 3,500 leave each year for family reasons and new jobs outside schools.
- Only 68 per cent of secondary teaching posts in state schools are filled by permanent staff, compared to 90 per cent in independent schools.
- In the South-east, 64 per cent of the posts advertised receive fewer than three applications. One tenth of these receives no response at all.
- In the South-west, 87 per cent of posts have more than three applicants.
- In the North, 52 per cent of advertised jobs get more than 10 applications.

Regional resignation and retirement rates of secondary teachers (%)

	1987	1989
London	13.6	17.2
South-east	11.8	13.4
West Midlands	9.4	11.3
South-west	9.4	8.7
North-west	8.3	7.1
North	7.1	5.9
Wales	7.0	5.4

Goldsmiths' glories aid charity

PETER TREVINOR

Miss Su Snodin, of Christie's, puts on display a 19th-century model of a dwarf for The Glory of the Goldsmith, an exhibition of gold and silverware from the collection of Mr Mohamed Mahdi Al-Tajir, the former United Arab Emirates Ambassador to Britain. The exhibition will run from January 3 to 21 at Christie's, London, in aid of the Save The Children Fund.

'We were treated like factory hands'

The reasons why teachers leave the profession vary. A man aged 42 who left his job as deputy head of a secondary school in the North-east to become a presenter for BBC local radio was one of those surveyed by Professor Smithers. He told him: "Teachers were treated like factory hands. The school I have just left had something crazy. There was a 3.30 bell when the kids went and a 3.45 bell which meant that the teachers could go.

"In the past, a lot of people would cheerfully have set about marking books, chatting or doing odds and ends until 5 o'clock or later. But once they heard the shipyard hooter going, they would say 'bugger them' and off they'd go." An English and drama teacher, aged 27, from a secondary school in the South-east said: "Having a baby was the reason I finally left, but it was also to do with money and being sick and tired of work. I was fed up with people being rude to us and I had had enough. Frankly, my husband was earning more than I was for carrying bricks up a ladder."

One man who went back to teaching said: "It's depressing hearing colleagues moan so much. It's partly because teachers moan a lot anyway." A modern languages graduate from Oxford, aged 42, he rejoined a school in the South-east after recruiting British teachers for West German schools. He added: "I think there's not as much justification for it as they think there is. Comparing their world with other people's worlds, teaching isn't that bad. There is no doubt morale is lowish. Teaching would be more attractive if it were backed by reasonable status and a reasonable pay packet. At the moment, neither exists.

"It filters out a great many people and leaves only those who are terribly keen or those who are young and at the beginning of their careers and who hang on in spite of the working conditions, rather than because of them."

Race against time to keep wine coolers

SALEROOM

John Shaw

An appeal by national museums to save two major items of 18th-century English silverware from the threat of export to the United States received a further £39,000 from the National Heritage Memorial Fund yesterday.

The Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, and the National Museums of Scotland, which are collaborating, now have to raise £69,000 in three weeks to keep the objects, two wine coolers by Paul de Lamerie (1688-1751) and Paul Crespin (1694-1770), in Britain.

The government reviewing committee on the export of works of art stopped the coolers going abroad in July because of their national historical and aesthetic importance, leaving the museums to match the £750,000 purchase price by January 18.

Mr Joe Earle, outgoing head of public affairs at the V&A, said: "We are now involved in the traditional race against time, familiar to everyone in the museum world, to keep these objects here. If we make it, it will be by the skin of our teeth."

The deadline was imposed by Mr Richard Luce, the Arts Minister, who also "starred" the objects as deserving Treasury support, a distinction previously reserved only for the greatest pictures.

Appreciating the difficulties, the dealer in the sale has offered interest-free bridging finance so that any final payment can be deferred. The memorial fund is urging the V & A to take up this offer, but museum officials are reluctant to pledge funds from next year's grant, which they expect to be needed as a safety net for yet another rescue.

The museums hope to acquire the coolers collectively. They have already raised £200,000 from their own resources and the memorial fund and the National Art Collections Fund have jointly offered £350,000. There have been public contributions and the museums have welcomed the memorial fund's further grant of £39,210.

The richly decorated coolers were made for the fourth Earl of Chesterfield (1694-1773).

TUC tells members to heal rift

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, tells union members in his new year message today that they cannot afford another decade in which potential recruits only hear about union squabbles. "The harmful and even destructive competition of the past month must be put behind us," he says.

He says, however, that one of the most encouraging factors in 1989 had been the way unions involved in big disputes, such as the railway and ambulance service battles, had won support. He says the unions enter the 1990s with opinion polls in their favour.

Stones mob

Police were yesterday hunting teenagers who stoned two police officers at the scene of a road accident in Swansea, West Glamorgan.

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Samaritans at Bradford, West Yorkshire, have appealed for more helpers after a 20 per cent rise in the number of callers over Christmas.

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Civil Service 'super union'

Merger may fail at the last hurdle

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Deep-seated suspicions and long-standing hostility is threatening to undermine the formation of a 250,000-strong "super union" for the Civil Service designed to create a powerful and more effective bargaining unit against the Whitehall mandarins.

There are doubts that the merger will take place now that the moderate executive of the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA) has decided not to recommend the final document on the merger, described by Mr John Ellis, general secretary, as "offering the best terms available".

Talks between the CPSA, the largest civil service union with 150,000 members, and the 120,000-strong National Union of Civil and Public Servants (NUCPS) have been in the wind for 15 years, only to fail because of constitutional, ideological and administrative differences.

Now, leaders of both unions, who have been working on the "final" merger document to be presented to their respective conferences next May, appear to accept that if it is rejected the dream of one union will not be achieved this century.

Some CPSA officers believed the chances of an agreement to merge next year were better than ever after moderates broke years of left-wing domination of the NUCPS by becoming the largest group on its executive, and the CPSA itself, after bitter left-right battles, stabilized and came firmly under moderate control.

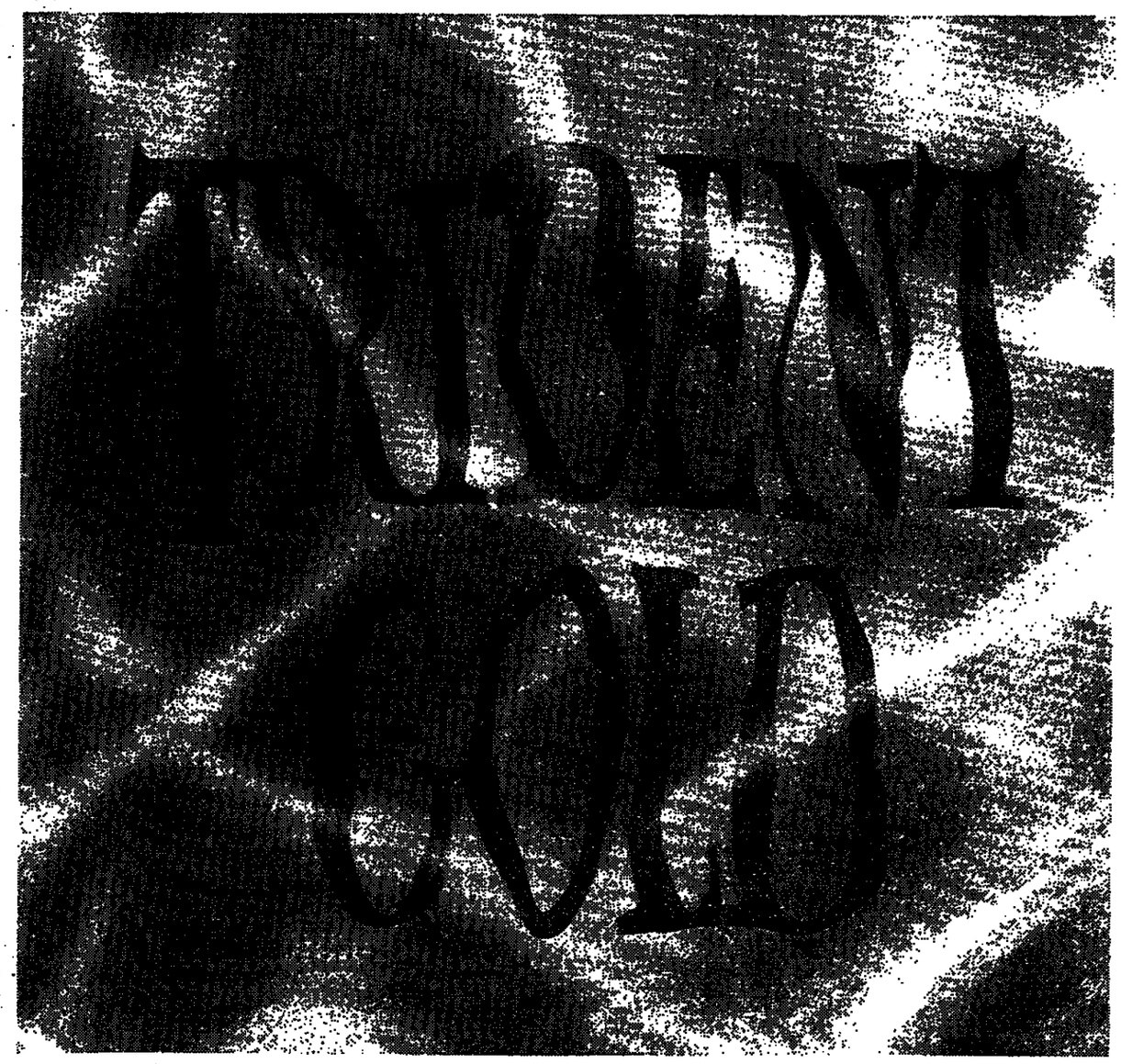
However, the CPSA executive, motivated by deep-rooted and traditional hostility of the NUCPS, decided at their last meeting, by 17 votes to five, not to recommend the document. Instead, they voted by 20 votes to two to put the document before the branches with no guidance. Mr Ellis conceded that the executive was reflecting the view of the membership, who regard the NUCPS as "the bosses' union".

In addition, the CPSA is concerned that the NUCPS would be unwilling to accept that all senior officials of the new union, such as the treasurer, should be elected.

Mr Ellis said a merger would lead to huge economies as a whole range of officers and services would no longer have to be duplicated. "It would also lead to greater stability and better bargaining strength."

Mr John Sheldon, deputy general secretary of the NUCPS said: "It is perfectly possible for members of a lower paid union to work together with members of a higher paid one.

"The arguments for a merger heavily outweigh any others and should be irresistible, particularly as we face the threats posed by the restructuring of the Civil Service."



House sales healthy at top

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The sale of a house in Eaton Square, Belgravia, central London, to Andrew Lloyd Webber, the composer, reportedly for just over £10 million, demonstrates that the property market at the top end of the price range is continuing to defy the general depression of house prices.

The house, in what is regarded as the best address in London, was formerly owned by Soraya Khashoggi, the ex-wife of the arms dealer Adnan. It has been lavishly renovated and decorated, and has an indoor swimming pool and 10 bedrooms. It was put on the market a few months ago at around £12 million.

Mr Brian D'Arcy Clark, partner of Chesterfield & Co, which marketed the property, said that while prices had fallen in the lower and middle ranges, in the upper price bracket, above £750,000, the reverse was true. "Unless the properties were either overpriced before or have an intrinsic problem prices have not dropped at all.

"Indeed, in many cases the properties at the upper end of the price range have increased in value and it would certainly appear that houses over £1 million have gained by anything up to 10 per cent over the past year."

He said that although the level of activity in the market had shrunk dramatically, London was fortunate in being more of an international market than the rest of the country, which brought a constant flow of money into the property market.

Another factor is that the top of the market is not affected by high-interest rates in the same way as the lower ranges, since buyers here do not depend on mortgages.

Mr Robert Hobart, of the London agents Hobart Slater, said that buyers from overseas were also benefiting from an attractive discount resulting from a weak pound.

Mr Peter Wetherell, whose company, Wetherell, specializes in the Mayfair area, said he did not have enough prime property to sell. "People are not selling because they think the time is not right. The truth, however, is that we are achieving the same price and in some cases more than figures achieved 18 months ago."

Demand continues too for country houses, where the number of quality period houses is finite. Mr John Husband, of Humberts, said: "At the upper end of the market, properties have remained remarkably immune to economic factors, particularly the best-quality period homes, which are still selling at prices that in some cases exceed last year's figures by as much as 20 per cent."

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THE TURBULENT 80s: Times specialists look back on a decade of change

Age of the environment shatters old certainties

80s ENVIRONMENT

Michael McCarthy

Amid the ringing clarion calls to set markets free, few politicians were listening to the message contained in Professor James Lovelock's *Gaia* when it was published in 1979.

Not that the book's pretensions were modest: it was subtitled *A new look at life on Earth*.

There was little that was of modish interest in the suggestion that man's activites may not only be sometimes damaging to the fabric of the world, but may interfere with its operating system in a potentially catastrophic way.

The 1980s began with a Big Idea — the revival of laissez-faire capitalism — that allowed no room for the daring hypothesis of the wiry-haired, bespectacled independent scientist: *that the earth is alive*.

The planet, Lovelock said, is in effect a single, self-sustaining organism, kept suitable for life by the actions of its life-forms themselves, in a system whose complexity is infinite, but — and here was the rub — whose weak points and vulnerability to interference we do not know.

If few were listening when the decade began, many are listening now.

Perhaps the most significant movement in thought in the 1980s has been how the set of disparate concerns which have been focused by Lovelock's hypothesis have gradually become the new Big Idea.

Free Enterprise has ceded place, for the 1990s, to The Environment.

The change in attitudes came about through a number of dramatic demonstrations that all was not well with the natural world and man's alleged dominion over it. They gradually took on a cumulative force.

There was an uneasy sense that the terrible Ethiopian famine of 1984 should not be happening, if all that we had read about the "green revolution" in agriculture was true.

The Bhopal disaster, in December 1984, in which more than 2,000 people were killed by an escape of cyanide gas, seemed a straightforward accident, although an unforgettable demonstration of the malevolent power of human activities.

Perhaps thinking was changed significantly by the discovery by the British Antarctic Survey of a huge "hole" in the ozone layer, the belt of stratospheric gas around the earth which protects us from the harmful effects of the sun's ultra-violet light.

Their findings were published in *Nature* on May 16, 1985; by 1987 it had been proved that the missing ozone had been depleted by chemical reaction with chlorine atoms coming from molecules of man-made chemicals, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), widely used as refrigerator coolants and propellants for aerosols.

The threat to the ozone layer was the first perceived man-made threat to the operating system of the planet itself; a threat to the world, rather than a threat to a country, town or individual. This growing sense of man's power to harm rather than benefit his own surroundings was reinforced in 1986 by the loss of the US space shuttle *Challenger* in January and the explosion at the Chernobyl nuclear power complex in the Soviet Union on April 26, scattering radioactive debris over much of Europe.

These concerns, for mass starvation, for pollution, for damage to the atmosphere, and for environmental degradation caused by the immense growth in human population and in economic activity since the end of the Second World War, were given additional force by being brought together in 1987 in a remarkable synthesis, the Brundtland Report, *Our Common Future*.

It painted in stark, detailed and convincing terms a picture of world environmental crisis. It fell on receptive ears, not least for offering a practical solution as well as warning of apocalypse.

The Third World must continue to grow if it is to escape from the spiral of poverty, it said, but this growth must be sustainable.

"Sustainable Development" meant that forests, fish stocks and soils must be able to regenerate. The report may well have marked the point where politicians began to take notice, in a systematic way, of the Environment as a problem.

It burst upon the public, however, and onto the political agenda proper, the following year. In 1988 environmental concern took off in the Western World.

The biggest single reason was the long-delayed realization of the greatest potential threat of all, the greenhouse effect — the potential warming of the atmosphere by industrial gases, such as the carbon dioxide produced by coal-fired power stations and motor vehicles. Global warming threatens crop failure, tempestuous weather, and rises in sea-level. It also threatens things we cannot predict.

A seal pup, sad symbol of the countless animal victims of environmental hazards.

In the United States it caught the popular imagination during the three-month drought in summer 1988 when a senior Nasa climatologist, Mr Jim Hansen, told a Senate committee: "The evidence is pretty strong that the greenhouse effect is here."

In Britain the popular imagination was caught that summer by the plight of the North Sea seals suffering from canine distemper virus and by the saga of the Karin B, the toxic waste ship trying to sneak into Britain to dump its unwanted cargo.

Then on September 27, at a Royal Society dinner, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, astonished environmentalists by delivering the speech which at a stroke gave establishment legitimacy to environmental concern. She stated: "Protecting the balance of nature is one of the great challenges of the late twentieth century."

It was the first speech on the issue by a leader of world stature, and it helped to redefine the global as well as the British political agenda.

From then on concern for the environment gathered force with the dynamic of an idea whose time has come. A myriad of different problems — the burning of the Amazon rainforests, the uprooting of hedges, the killing of dolphins, the poisoning of rivers by chemical companies and farmers, the pollution of the atmosphere by cars and power stations — were all seen as part of the same problem, the threat to our fragile earth.

The *Gaia* hypothesis unifies Greenpeace activist and Prime Minister; it unifies hippie and academic zoologist; it unifies concerned housewife and policy-maker. For *Gaia* is not only a "biocybernetic universal system tendency" (Lovelock's own words)but also our Mother Earth, who has nurtured us since the dawn of time and whom we harm at our peril.

There is no question that this is the Big Idea as we enter the 1990s and it may indeed come to dominate politics, not least because, as the world population doubles over the next 40 years, the problems are going to get very much worse.

In the coming decade we will see the beginning of attempts to grapple with them by the world as a whole. In June we may well see, at a London conference, the completion of the Montreal Protocol to phase-out ozone-damaging CFCs, with the accession of states such as China and India.

But the problem of getting agreement on limiting carbon dioxide emissions world-wide will be infinitely harder. The Chinese get more than 80 per cent of their energy from burning coal. Who will tell them to stop?

In Britain next autumn, for the first time, we will have a rationally planned environmental policy in the White Paper being prepared by Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment. This may start to limit the use we can make of our cars, and raise the price of electricity so that we invest in energy-saving.

In the 1990s we will be watching the planet itself. Although the generally agreed timetable for global warming puts its harmful effects 40 years hence, some scientists think it may happen faster, and there may be, in the words of a leading American climatologist, Dr Wally Broecker, "unpleasant surprises in the greenhouse."

Unsung heroes in councils give life to theatre

80s THE ARTS

Simon Tait

Money — the lack of it, the finding of it, the cutting off of it — has been the main feature of the arts in the 1980s, not the art itself.

The subsidized sector is no longer safe from economic collapse, as "flagships" such as the Royal Opera House and the Royal Shakespeare Company have been at pains to tell as the decade closes, and as the death of Kent Opera graphically illustrates.

Government funding was £127 million in 1979 and was frozen in real terms for much of the 80s, until the present arts minister managed to prise the lid off the money box this autumn so that there will be £440 million in the first year of the new decade; a large slice of it going to the British Library scheme at St Pancras.

"It has been the quiet arts ministers who have promised nothing who have delivered — like Paul Channon and Richard Luce — and the flashy ones who promised everything and failed — like St John-Stevas and Gowrie", says Mr Simon Crine, director of the National Campaign for the Arts.

The unsung heroes have been the local authorities, which have increased their funding of the arts from £80 million in 1979 to £200 million this year, bringing new life to provincial theatre.

They have encouraged festivals, attracted big names to their municipal companies, drawn foreign touring companies and have rebuilt or refurbished great theatres in Plymouth, Newcastle upon Tyne, Manchester, Bradford, Birmingham and Leeds, with new concert halls coming in Glasgow and Birmingham.

Probably assured companies' survival into 90s

By the end of the decade arts administrators were growing in both confidence and competence.

"The arts companies discovered business in the 80s," said Mr Colin Tweedy, director of the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts.

"That has probably assured the companies' survival into the 90s. I'm not sure if the same can be said for the arts themselves."

For while arts posts containing such words as "marketing", "development" and "sponsorship" have been taking up more and more of the appointments advertisements in the second half of the decade, and the people who have filled them have undoubtedly filled seats, the creative element is suffering.

Terry Hands, of the Royal Shakespeare Company, knows that without the box office bonanza of *Les Misérables* and *Nicholas Nickleby* the company might not have survived into the 1990s.

The Royal Court, cathedral of fringe theatre, has been on the brink of going the way of Kent Opera; its famous Theatre Upstairs, a crucible of creative studio work, is barely able to open at all.

While Jonathan Miller has won fulsome praise for his work at the Old Vic — saved from oblivion by a Canadian department store owner — with such startling productions as the Scottish National Opera version of John Wells's cunningly contrived *Candide*, there are, he says, no good new writers coming up.

That is what happens when subsidized theatre loses its subsidy, said Alan Ayckbourn at the Savoy this year, clutching his fifth *Evening Standard* best-playwright award.

Directors' stage for plays and for opera

It has become a directors' stage, rather than an actor's, both for plays and for opera, where the ENO's wild attempt to attract a new audience introduced bizarre settings to pieces such as Tchaikovsky's *Mazzeppa*.

The decade opened with *Cats* and the musical in the 80s will be seen as belonging to Andrew Lloyd Webber, not just for his own successes but for establishing the British musical as a world leader, and the West End as their natural habitat.

Cats is still going, the longest running musical ever, and *King*, about Martin Luther King and starring American singers, is to open in London next year.

Sponsorship is now providing £30 million a year from the business community, from next to nothing in 1980, although the main sponsors say that the Government must continue to play its part too.

The money-mood should change in the 90s. Business will become more deeply involved than simply handing over cash, and the earning power of the arts will at long last be recognized by the Treasury, which will provide the much-urged tax breaks.

For both the twin cries of the 90s — the need to save the environment and restore inner-city "quality of life" — the arts will be seen not as a luxury but a central ingredient.

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REVOLUTION IN ROMANIA

Cut in food exports threatens problem for Soviet Union

From Susan Ellicott, Washington

Romania's new Government, seeking to alleviate shortages at home, has ended Ceausescu's policy of exporting huge amounts of food to earn hard currency, which may aggravate the economic crisis in the Soviet Union.

President Gorbachov told President Bush this month in Malta that the Soviet Union had enough food and energy stocks to weather the winter. Some Soviet experts in the United States, however, are worried that a cut in Romanian food exports could exacerbate shortages, especially in meat and fresh vegetables, and force Moscow to spend vital hard currency on food from other countries.

The Soviet Union obtains about 15 per cent of its frozen and fresh meat imports and about one-tenth of its tinned meat imports from Romania. Moscow, which is battling against inefficient food production, storage and distribution, mainly exchanges oil and gas for the food, reserving its hard currency for trade with other nations, including the United States.

According to US government figures, the Soviet Union has exported between two and three million tons of coal to Romania for the past two years; between four and five million tons of crude oil; and between three and five million tons of oil products. Romania therefore obtains up to one-third of its 15 million tons of imported crude oil from the Soviet Union.

Romania itself annually produces between eight and nine million tons of coal, between 11 and 12 million tons of crude oil and about 1.25 1.5 billion cubic feet of natural and other gasses. Last year Romania sold very little or no grain to the Soviet Union which is forecast to import about 37 million tons of corn and 12 million tons of wheat this year.

Mr Gorbachov has admitted that resolving shortages in basic consumer goods is a high priority that will test his Government.

"When you talk about the possiblity of these sales being cut off in an already tense situation, then this could be significant," said Mr Christian Foster, a specialist in Soviet agriculture for the US Department of Agriculture.

For immediate impact, Mr Foster said, the Soviet Union might try to buy more packaged food from overseas. He noted that Moscow recently bought US butter for the first time in many years, as well as packaged poultry.

In the longer term, Mr Foster suggested that the Soviet Union, which has recently been trying to boost domestic meat production, might try to buy more US feed-grains to increase its cattle husbandry.

There are some signs, however, that the Soviet Union could accomodate a cut in food exports from its relatively small south-western neighbour. It appears to be already trimming demand for Romanian goods. Last year, the Soviet Union imported 55,000 tons of frozen meat from Romania, compared with 100,000 tons in 1987, Mr Foster said.

Mr John Steinbruner, a specialist in Soviet foreign policy, said that the cuts in Romanian food exports, although an inconvenience to Moscow, could help the Soviet Union in selling more oil and gas on open world markets. Mr Steinbruner, who works at the Brookings Institution think-tank in Washington, said the Soviet Union probably had been bartering its energy with Romania on a subsidized basis.

Mr Steinbruner suggested, though, that the Soviet Union might continue to provide Romania with oil and gas even if the new government cuts food exports.

"It would be uncomfortable for them (to have cuts) but not major," he said. "Romania is not a large enough country for it to have a major effect. They might have to swallow the food reduction and indeed use hard currency assets."

He said the Soviet Union has closely monitored international food and commodity markets from some time and would easily be able to compensate for the lack of Romanian produce.

Mr Corneliu Bogdan, the new Romanian Foreign Minister, has said the termination of food exports was a step toward the priority of economic reform.

The country's embryo Government also ended a peculiar programme that laid down people's daily calorie intake according to their work. Ceausescu is estimated to have exported up to 60 per cent of Romania's meat in order to help pay off $11 billion of foreign debt.

Bucharest (AFP) — Radu Durbac, a former Romanian rugby captain, died in the uprising which overthrew the Ceausescus. He was one of several well-known sportsmen who took up arms to fight Ceausescu's secret police.

Luxurious trappings of a life at the top

A militiaman holding up two of Mrs Elena Ceausescu's fur coats yesterday in her luxurious bedroom at the former presidential residence in Bucharest.

Exiles suspicious of interim leadership

By Michael Knipe
Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Sergiu Celac, Romania's newly appointed interim Foreign Minister, is a former president of the Union of Communist Youth, according to Romanian exiles, and is remembered for dismissing students from the organization for "displaying cosmopolitan behaviour, like dancing rock and roll and listening to pop music".

He was later Ceausescu's interpreter, and it was in this capacity that he accompanied the late dictator on his state visit to Britain. "To have been Ceausescu's interpreter, he must have been a highly trusted member of the regime's inner circle," one exile said.

Mr Celac was educated in the Soviet Union, and is thus regarded as yet another member of the new administration with possibly strong Moscow connections.

The exiled former King Michael of Romania added his voice yesterday to what has become a rising chorus of unease over the complexion and actions of Romania's interim leadership.

The people at the head of the provisional Government were true Communists who had collaborated with the deposed Ceausescu, he said in an interview published by *24 Heures*, the French-language daily.

Similar views have been expressed by other exiles while, inside Romania, there have been signs of resentment at the way in which the National Salvation Front members are controlling the media and limiting access to it. Students have called for more openness at the top, and several dissident intellectuals have expressed concern at the number of former members of the Communist hierarchy given senior positions in the provisional Government.

There is widespread concern that that Mr Ion Iliescu, chairman of the interim Government, is a former member of the higher echelons of the Romanian Communist Party, and it is pointed out that Mr Petre Roman, the new Prime Minister, grew up in privileged Communist circumstances, his father having served briefly as Chief of Staff of the Romanian Army and Minister of Telecommunications. Although the father fell into disfavour as a potential "Titoist", he was rehabilitated in 1953 and became director of a political publishing house.

The Romanian Communist Party was the biggest in Europe, and membership was obligatory for many people. Since even membership of a church parish was regarded as potentially subversive, there has been no other political infra-structure to fall back on, and a political vacuum now seems inevitable.

Some exiles are suspicious that, from its beginnings in September, a month before the Romanian Communist Party congress, the National Salvation Front was already under the control of Communist elements.

These exiles point to the fact that, within a matter of days of the start of the revolution, the front had gained speedy access to power.

"The *nomenclatura* (Communist elite) know how to manipulate power better than anybody," one exile commented.

Timisoara begins to look hopefully towards the future

From Dessa Trevisan
Timisoara

Two weeks after the protests which sparked the Romanian uprising and overthrew the Ceausescu regime, life in Timisoara seems to have regained its normality.

The bloodstains on the pavements have been washed away, the debris removed from the central square and shop windows repaired. Throughout the day there is normal activity while long queues wait for petrol which only two weeks ago was rationed to 15 litres per month.

The atmosphere after weeks of tension and fear is relaxed. Children and soldiers join to man the roadblocks, checking cars and people's papers. Elsewhere people discuss politics on the streets; something they have not done for decades. But at night people are still afraid to venture out. In the daytime pro-Ceausescu terrorists, like moles, shelter in their underground hideouts, to emerge during the night. They have been ordered to hand over their arms and surrender by 5 pm and report to the local military garrison.

Not so long ago the population here saw the only hope for the future in leaving. Now, however, they look hopefully to the future. Their pent-up energy seems to have been released.

The atmosphere after weeks of tension and fear is relaxed

The Army is continuing to search flats of former local officials and factory managers, the privileged class whose loyalty Ceausescu secured by providing them with all the goods the ordinary people were denied. The residence of the local mayor looked like a well stocked grocery store.

Although a few whisky bottles, cartons of American cigarettes, tins of meat and similar goods would hardly impress an ordinary Westerner, the Romanians regard them as wealth, having for so long been condemned to frugal meals, lack of heat and rationing.

The fighting has died down. Ceausescu's fanatics mostly have been killed, surrendered or fled to nearby villages. The military believe there are still some 200 fugitives but only a dozen may still be ready to shoot.

But, beyond the euphoria, Romania faces many problems which are even more apparent in this town where it all started and where the new leadership says thousands were killed. The most serious is one of leadership as the people are no longer ready to trust any single person, let alone hand over power.

The old regional party headquarters, the symbol of corruption and dictatorship, is now occupied by a 60-member local committee of the Front of National Salvation. It consists of a mixed group which includes soldiers, ex-party politicians who at one time or another fell foul of the regime, and intellectuals who command respect among the young especially. Presided over by Lorin Fortuna, a professor at the university and a leading figure in the uprising, it is not a cohesive body. The real power clearly lies with the Army, but the soldiers are keeping in the background and so far have refrained from talking to journalists.

The committee recognizes the central council of the Front of National Salvation in Bucharest and has fully endorsed the programme its President, Mr Ion Iliescu, presented to the nation. But its members are at pains to emphasize the role they and their town played in the uprising and the several thousand victims in the town and insist that this be recognized in the capital.

For the moment unity comes first, Mr Fortuna said, implying that this was why they endorsed the Iliescu programme without insisting on their own demands being included.

The people are no longer ready to trust any single person

But there is no doubt that they have ideas of their own and the Timisoara committee will put forward its own political programme at the elections due in April.

For many years Ceausescu skilfully exploited ethnic antagonism, especially between the Romanians and the Hungarians. The Romanians, in fact, are 40 per cent of Timisoara's population of 300,000.

During the first two days of protest, 17 trainloads of soldiers were heading for Timisoara, the committee disclosed. At the same time, Ceausescu's propaganda had spread the word among the Romanian factory workers that the Hungarians had invaded their town. The workers began leaving the factories, some armed only with sticks and axes to defend the town against the Hungarians.

The Army refused to shoot and the workers saw that this was not merely a Hungarian revolt.

Amnesty urges end to killing

By Tom Giles

Amnesty International appealed to Romania's new rulers yesterday to spare the lives of secret police threatened with execution.

The human rights organization also criticized the Christmas Day execution of Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu, saying their secret trial fell well short of international standards.

Amnesty said it was "seriously concerned" about reports of special military tribunals being set up across Romania with emergency powers to try and to execute summarily those still fighting the new Government.

It appealed to the authorities "to respect human rights by guaranteeing fair trials to all political prisoners, including detained members of the country's former Administration and security forces".

The appeal came as Romania warned pro-Ceausescu loyalists they would be executed unless they surrendered to the army by 3 pm London time yesterday.

Amnesty admitted that many of the people fighting or detained by the new Government had been implicated in serious human rights violations, including the recent indiscriminate killings.

Such atrocities should be fully investigated and those responsible brought to justice, it argued. But defendants should have the right to a public hearing before an independent tribunal, to choose their own lawyers, cross-examine witnesses and appeal to a higher court.

These safeguards had not been observed in the Ceausescus' trial. All political prisoners should be held in humane conditions until a reformed judicial system — ensuring courts met standards of "competence, independence and impartiality" — was set up, it said.

The shape of regional government

Military moves to fill the power vacuum

The Romanian Army, in the view of many citizens of the new order, is now the key factor in their country's future. A quarter century of Ceausescu's tyranny, and another 20 years of Communist rule before that, has left no other group which can ensure even the basics of administration — apart, of course, from the wreckage of the Communist Party.

Following the lead of the National Salvation Front in setting up the interim Government, groups bearing the same name have been set up in all provincial cities.

However, as members of the committee in Brasov admitted, this was purely a result of watching Bucharest television and there is still no formal contact between their group and the central powers.

Mr Serjiu Valcu, the deputy head of the committee in Brasov, admitted that most local committees are a front for military rule. When asked why he had been chosen by Major-General Ion Florea, the local commander, as his "adjunct", Dr Valcu replied that the officer "does not want to give the appearance of a military dictatorship".

He said he had gained his place on the committee because he "impressed" the general.

It is perfectly clear that General Florea is the only government that Brasov possesses. Members of the local committee were unable to say who else was a member.

The generals' choices of helpers have not always inspired confidence in the local population.

In Oradea, members of the crowd outside the town hall said that the committee members on the balcony "were all supporting Ceausescu until yesterday".

The second-in-command of the committee made an appeal for the immediate dispatch of an "international anti-terrorist force", saying that "otherwise, we are all dead". He cited the reported arrival in Constanta, the Black Sea port, of a Libyan aircraft carrier with "140 helicopters with Romanian markings".

The scathing words of Mr Cyprian Dima, another committee member, may well be true: that most of the committee are simply those who "pushed their way in first" when the crowd stormed the party headquarters, joined by Communist officials.

The main problem is that, because of Ceausescu's despotism, uncompromised public figures are very few and independent groups are non-existent.

As Mr Erich Pfaff, of the ethnic German community in Timisoara explained, among the Romanians, no one has been allowed to become a local figure in his or her own right, even in art, science, or economics, and the rule of law has not existed.

The result is that even when the names of the committee have been published, as in Timisoara, they mean nothing to local people.

This lack of clear leadership in the provincial cities has been exacerbated by the interim Government which, in an attempt to strengthen itself, has summoned dissident figures such as Mrs Doina Cornea from Cluj, and Pastor Laszlo Tokes from Timisoara.

In Brasov, the savage repression by the Securitate following the workers' demonstration of November 15, 1987, the harbinger of this year's revolution, made it more difficult for any organized opposition to appear.

Romanian intellectuals fear that what will appear instead of organized civilian politics is a chaotic personal jockeying for local power, with strong elements of revenge thrown in. In this case the Army will have to be the arbiter, for lack of any other.

The first signs of such a development may already have begun to appear. In Simpetru, a village near Brasov, there has already reportedly been a gunfight between the local mayor and the police chief, both of whom wanted to head the local Committee for National Salvation.

Amid such volatile circumstances, the Government is planning to hold free and orderly elections within four months. The people of Transylvania, and any realistic observer, must be wondering how this will be achieved.

Brussels (Reuter) — Belgium yesterday repatriated the body of a Belgian journalist killed by Romanian snipers in Bucharest on Christmas Day. The coffin of Danny Huwe, aged 42, who worked for the Belgian VTM television channel, was flown to a Brussels military airport, a news agency photographer said.

France calls for aid cash switch

From Alan Tillier, Paris

Aid for Romania should now switch from food to money, said M Bernard Kouchner, junior Minister for Humanitarian Aid, on his return from Bucharest.

The former doctor, an activist in channelling aid from his days running Medecins sans Frontiers and Medecins du Monde, went to Romania with medical teams at the outset of the revolution.

As he spoke, two trains laden with food and clothes prepared to leave for Romania, adding to the many dozens of lorries which have left in the past few days, some 20 planes, and a ship about to sail from Marseilles to the Black Sea port of Constanza.

The dynamic minister called for 10 million francs (just over £1 million) in quick cash. He said there was still a need for "dummies, nappies, prams and powdered milk for Romanian babies". He also called for gifts of computers and laser printers. The French Government has set aside an immediate £500,000 for the country which M Michel Rocard, the Prime Minister called "our sister nation".

Long-standing cultural ties between France and Romania — Mr Petre Roman, the new Romanian Prime Minister, studied at Toulouse and was on the barricades in Paris in 1968 — have resulted in a variety of aid.

French towns have been twinned with Romanian towns and many French people have handed medicines back to pharmacies to be re-routed for Bucharest. A nationwide appeal for books was made to restock the ransacked shelves of Romania's libraries.

The French Government, criticized by the Conservative opposition for not doing more, claimed in a communiqué that it had been the first to help.

Dubcek returns to key post

Mr Dubcek: Taking up the job he lost two decades ago.

Prague (Reuter) — The Czechoslovak Parliament elected Mr Alexander Dubcek, the reform Communist, as its chairman yesterday, returning him to public office for the first time since he lost power more than two decades ago.

"This is a historic day of your vindication for what you did in 1968," said Mr Jozef Simut, who nominated him for the post after the opposition and Communists agreed he should take it.

Mr Dubcek, who spearheaded the 1968 "Prague Spring" reform movement and was then ousted as party leader, will serve as chairman of the Parliament until elections in mid-1990.

The vote was 298 in favour of Mr Dubcek, with one abstention.

He was among a group of 23 new members named by the Assembly to fill seats which were vacated by hardline Communists.

The Communists resigned due to massive public pressure which forced the party to surrender its guaranteed monopoly on political power.

Among those named to the new seats were several former dissidents, including Mr Tomas Hradilek, the Charter 77 human rights movement spokesman, and Mr Vaclav Benda and Mr Jaroslav Silhan, both Charter activists previously subjected to imprisonment and repeated police harassment.

German enclave battles to keep identity

From Anatol Lieven
Timisoara

In Brasov, in the angle formed where the Carpathian mountains swing away towards the west, there stands a black church. Its Gothic contours, hundreds of miles inside lands once owned by the Orthodox Church, were fashioned by German architects in the thirteenth century to serve as a house of prayer for the oldest German community in Eastern Europe.

Today it serves the last officially recognized German ethnic group between the river Oder and Soviet Kazakhstan. The Germans call their city Kronstadt, but that name is to be found on few maps today. To the Romanians, it is Brasov.

The Germans were brought here from Saxony by the kings of Hungary, who ruled the area in the Middle Ages, to help subdue the Orthodox Romanians and the heathen Tartars. The Saxons, as they still call themselves, became Protestant in the fifteenth century, and passed under the rule of the Turks and later the Habsburgs, before ending up in Romania at the end of the First World War.

Except for the Second World War, when Adolf Hitler gave most of Transylvania back to Hungary, they have been Romanian citizens.

A more recent German settlement is in the region of Timisoara where, in the eighteenth century, the Habsburgs settled colonists from Swabia on lands conquered from the Turks. They live here now among 20 other nationalities, including settlers from France and what is now Czechoslovakia.

"Before we came here, this land was a swamp," one German said, using the word with a great deal more than its literal weight. To the Germans, the adjective "Balkan" remains a pejorative description of somewhere they find themselves physically, but by no means mentally.

In 1945 thousands of Germans left, leaving a population of about 180,000. In the past 15 years, that number has halved again, as the late President Ceausescu sold exit visas in return for Deutschmarks.

Germans, however, remain the largest minority in Romania after the Hungarians, and the flat countryside of the region is dotted with their neat villages and onion-domed or spired churches. The economic power of West Germany has helped them to retain a measure of cultural autonomy; they have their own newspaper and magazines. Another reason for this is that, unlike the Hungarians, they have not even a lingering hope of being re-annexed to their "mother country", hundreds of miles to the west.

Within their own closed world, which presented little threat to the tyrant in Bucharest, they have even been able to retain the elements of a "civil society", the lack of which among Romanians threatens to cripple the country's political development.

Mr Erich Pfaff, a lecturer and leader of the community, claimed that the newspaper, *Neue Banater Zeitung*, was much more open and interesting than its grotesquely rigid Romanian equivalents. This was even though its first page in the past was invariably dedicated to the doings of Nicolae Ceausescu.

REVOLUTION IN ROMANIA

How Studio 4 videocrats orchestrated despot's downfall

From John Kifner
Bucharest

"This is the first revolution on live television," said Mr Ion Todan, proud and tired and at the heart of the videocracy that has replaced the dictatorship of Nicolae Ceausescu.

Studio 4 of Free Romanian Television, a chamber about 12ft square with antiquated cameras and black-and-white monitors, has been the real seat of power since Ceausescu tried to flee the country on Friday last week after 24 years of despotic rule.

Rapt audiences watched as the television studio repeatedly broadcast a videotape of the military trial of Ceausescu and his wife, Elena, and showed the pictures of the executed ruler's body.

The broadcasts are profoundly political acts, calculated to consolidate support for the provisional Government, the National Salvation Front, and to show that further resistance by die-hard security agents is pointless.

Beginning with the poet Murica Dinesco's sudden appearance on the air, shouting: "We've won! We've won!", once-soporific state television has become the pivotal instrument and embodiment of the revolution.

It has struggled against sniper fire, commando attacks and its own outdated gear to stay on the air.

Even on Wednesday, two days after Ceausescu and his wife were executed, his security police again tried to storm the station. Bucharest radio said that the agents were beaten back after a half-hour gun battle.

"We knew we had to stay on the air," said Miss Eugenia Bogdan, one of the workers who have been occupying the station for the past week.

Her face lined with fatigue, she added: "If television falls, the revolution falls. That is for certain."

Outside, the blocks of luxurious villas and embassy buildings in the neighbourhood sit empty, bullet-scarred and battered by the fire of tanks and soldiers who have defended the broadcasting centre.

Inside, the monitors portrayed scenes unimaginable in Romania a week ago.

Amid the devastation, people were seen singing Christmas carols.

The tale of Studio 4 reveals much about power in the electronic age. Once, those who plotted revolutions and coups took aim at radio stations to gain a monopoly on the flow of information.

Conversations with ordinary Romanians underscored the impact of the news broadcasts, not only in the past two weeks in Romania but throughout Eastern Europe, where images of popular uprisings have penetrated borders, apparently sharpening the desire for freedom and shaping official and public action.

Small short-wave radios pick up foreign broadcasts. In relatively prosperous East Germany, people for years caught seductive glimpses of a richer society, as depicted on West German television.

Here, where Romanian television was once so dull that even the schedules for Bulgarian programming, which can be received here, were a hot item for smugglers, the new freedom in the rest of the East bloc has become a staple of televised fare.

"The whole people see changes coming in Eastern Europe," said Mr Sergei Secuescu, a student. "We can see TV from Bulgaria, from Yugoslavia. We listen to the foreign radio stations, to Voice of America, Radio Free Europe, the BBC. The phone was working. People have brothers, friends."

But the impact of television in the past two weeks goes far beyond that level. Viewers have now seen the formation and defence of a revolutionary government, even as it happened.

For a week, Romanians huddled around television sets and watched the demonstrations and gun battles between the Army, supporting the popular revolution, and the Securitate turned renegades. Then they saw the first tentative steps of the provisional Government.

Early on Saturday, as the Securitate began their first attacks on the station, a family in the western city of Arad sat spellbound before their television, watching announcers force smiles as gunshots echoed in the studio. Soldiers and the Securitate were battling in the foyer of the TV station.

Behind the announcer, a helmeted soldier with a rifle stood watch.

Paratroops who repelled the attack were brought to the studio as heroes. The announcer broadcast an appeal for help. On the television screen was a panel of revolutionaries seated around tables that were draped in red, yellow and blue, the national colours. The panel included a tank driver, two men in suits, one in a denim jacket and a student in a parka and turtleneck.

At 3 am, the student was reading from a new broadsheet issued by an angry group of fellow students. He stopped and began singing a song, only to be interrupted by the appearance of one of the country's biggest soccer stars.

In Arad, 265 miles north-west of Bucharest, the mother of the family watching the televised revolution said joyfully: "We will not sleep tonight."

During Saturday's fighting, six paratroops were killed inside the station. One of the policemen got into the basement and cut off the electricity, which was restored only 10 minutes before broadcasting time. Besides bullets, the television workers had to worry about their outmoded equipment, sometimes shutting it down to avoid overheating.

"We have no spare parts," said Mr Mikhail Bucauanu, the technical chief. "We just patch what we have."

"We recently got three new cameras," he said. "They were only for filming *him*." He was referring to Ceausescu, whose activities dominated the screen for the few hours a day TV was on the air under the old regime. Now it is on long into the night.

The past few days of broadcasts have been dominated by Christmas programmes. "It was the first time we were even allowed to pronounce the word on television," Mr Todan said. "Before, if it was in a foreign film and somebody said 'Merry Christmas', we had to translate it as 'Happy New Year'."

(New York Times)

Bucharest citizens savour first taste of freedom's fruits

From Michael Hornsby, Bucharest

The people of Bucharest tasted the first fruits of the overthrow of Ceausescu yesterday as oranges, coffee, meat and other goods flooded into shops previously remarkable only for their empty shelves.

"It is something new for us. I have never seen such food before," Miss Mihaela Margarit, a mathematics student at Bucharest's university, said as she joined one of the long queues that rapidly formed after word spread throughout the capital.

"I wonder where it came from?" she added. Then, answering her own question with a bold and biting reference to the dead dictator's daughter that would have been unthinkable only a week ago, she said: "Perhaps it was reserved for Zoia's dogs."

The richly appointed home of Zoia Ceausescu, who is now under arrest, was shown on Romanian television a few nights ago. What shocked viewers most was the large amount of meat stored in the fridge for her dogs — far more than most Romanian families would see in many months.

Most of Romania's agricultural produce under Ceausescu was exported to pay off foreign debts and finance his grandiose construction projects, including the grotesque "Boulevard of the Victory of Socialism" and the half-finished "Palace of the People" in Bucharest. Most of the supplies reaching shops yesterday had been released from warehouses where they had been awaiting export.

Food rationing — just over two pounds of meat, one pack of butter and 15 eggs a month for each person — was only one aspect of the drabnesss of life under the Ceausescu clan. Enforced energy-saving restricted Romanians to 40-watt light bulbs and only three or four hours of hot water a day.

"The most awful thing was that we did not have proper food, while our leaders could get as much as they wanted," a young nurse said. "It was very cold in our apartments and the electricity was so weak you sometimes could not even boil water for tea."

She spoke as if such deprivations were already a memory. In fact, Romania has a better chance than most East European countries of raising living standards quite quickly.

It is potentially rich in agriculture, and has substantial petro-chemical resources; also, brutal as his methods were, Ceausescu did wipe out the country's foreign debt.

For the first time yesterday, the realization that Ceausescu had finally gone, and that they could speak openly without fear of the hated security police, seemed to take hold of the capital's people as they accosted foreigners in the street to insist that "We don't want communism, we dont want communism."

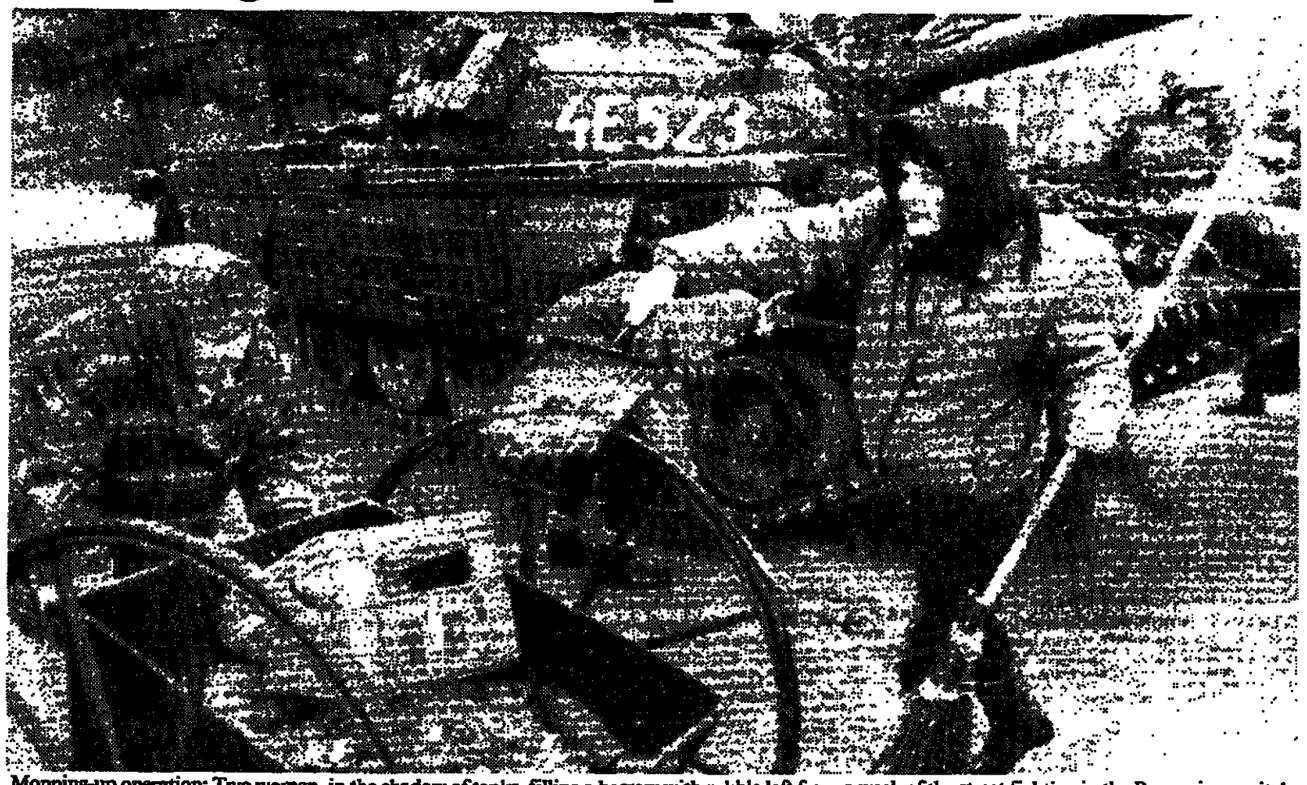
Under Ceausescu's rule it was an offence to communicate with a foreigner without first reporting the conversation to the security police, and it was assumed that every building was bugged. The head of the Securitate once boasted, in fact, that 10 million microphones were embedded in the walls of homes, television sets, light-fittings and even ashtrays.

The handful of dissident intellectuals were isolated figures who knew of each other's existence mainly from listening to the BBC and Radio Free Europe; they seldom met to discuss their ideas face to face.

Even after Ceausescu had fallen, people still tended to be suspicious when approached by foreigners. There was fear of the security police diehards still sniping from rooftops, and fear, as well, that the revolution might still be reversed. But yesterday, for the first time, a great weight was lifted from the capital, and its people began at last to look as if they really believed that their future would be different from their recent turbulent past.

Belgrade (AFP) — Ceausescu's last order read: "December 21, 6:00 pm: Everyone must be at the highest state of organization and fight with arms... Anyone who opposes our measures must be liquidated", the Yugoslav daily *Politika* reported.

Making a clean sweep after the bloodshed



Mopping-up operation: Two women, in the shadow of tanks, filling a barrow with rubble left from a week of the street fighting in the Romanian capital.

British lorry driver tells of Timisoara terror

A British lorry driver has told of his ordeal at the hands of Romanian secret police after he stopped to take pictures of the massacre in Timisoara.

Mr David Walker, aged 38, a former paratrooper who served seven tours of duty in Northern Ireland, said that he was "frozen with terror" as members of the Securitate held him at gunpoint and ransacked his cab. "I have witnessed death in Northern Ireland but these men were cold-blooded killers who had just shot innocent people in the back," he said.

"Women were crushed under the wheels of tanks and shot in the face. I don't know how many people were killed, but I could hardly believe my own eyes."

Mr Walker, who lives in Bradford, west Yorkshire, may have to return to Romania soon. "I am not particularly looking forward to the prospect, but if my work takes me there, then I have to go," he said.

He said that the Securitate had smashed his camera, but he had already hidden film of the massacre and the attempt to evict the Rev Laszlo Tokes from his home — the incident which sparked the uprising.

On his way home, Mr Walker was stopped at the border between the Germanies because his lorry was carrying too much fuel.

He could not pay a fine and said he had bartered the pictures to get home.

Meanwhile, Mr Raymond Rees, a radio ham, helped to organize relief to Romania from his home in Llanelli, west Wales. At the height of the fighting he was able to pinpoint hot-spots and he passed on messages from those fighting the government forces to aid agencies such as the Red Cross, telling pilots of safe places to land.

He has also relayed information on jailed activists to relatives abroad.

"What has happened there is unbelievable — my part is insignificant," he said.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Two shot dead in Naples consulate

Rome — Two men were killed yesterday morning in a shooting at the Turkish Consulate in Naples. According to police, the victims were Vincenzo Di Scala, an Italian employee of the embassy, and Ahmet Guldnoglu, a Turkish security guard (Paul Bompard writes).

It appears that no political motives were involved, but for unexplained reasons, Guldnoglu first killed Di Scala and then shot himself. The two men were thought to be on good terms and early yesterday morning had been seen having coffee together in a nearby café. According to the Turkish Consulate, Guldnoglu had occasionally given signs of mental imbalance since being involved in fighting in the Turkish-Greek conflict over Cyprus in 1974.

Indian-Nepali talks

Kathmandu — The foreign ministers of Nepal and India are due to meet in Delhi next week for talks on bilateral relations, the Nepalese chief spokesman said here yesterday (Sanjay Upadhya writes). The spokesman said that Mr Shailendra Kumar Upadhya, the Nepalese Foreign Minister, will visit Delhi "in a couple of days" to meet Mr I.K. Gujral, his Indian counterpart.Relations between Nepal and India soured after the two countries failed to negotiate new trade and transit treaties. The existing treaties expired last March 23.

Spanish guards killed

Madrid — Two Spanish Civil Guards died in a hail of bullets yesterday when guerrillas stormed a public office in the northern city of Gijón and opened fire with submachineguns (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes). It was the latest attack blamed on far-left gunmen of the October First Anti-Fascist Resistance Groups, known as Grapo. Police identified the victims as Isaac Rodrigo Ramilla, aged 36, and Jose María Sánchez Melero, aged 38. The group claimed responsibility for two recent attacks in Madrid and Barcelona in which two army officers were wounded.

Jerusalem Post protest

Jerusalem — Reporters at the *Jerusalem Post*, the only Israeli English-language daily, yesterday notified the Government they are in dispute with the paper (A Correspondent writes). This will allow them to take industrial action after a mandatory two-week cooling-off period. The journalists took the step in support of Erwin Frenkel, a senior editor who resigned from the Canadian-owned newspaper after 13 years. He was the second senior editor to leave this month. Both had been critical of Mr Yehuda Levy, appointed president and publisher of the paper in July.

Rhino poachers shot

Harare (Reuter) — Zimbabwean game wardens shot dead four rhino poachers in a clash on Christmas Day in the Zambezi valley bordering Zambia, the local news agency, Ziana, reported yesterday. Eight rhino horns, an AK47 rifle and several rounds of ammunition were recovered, the agency said. Since 1980 more than 800 black rhinos have been killed in Zimbabwe by poachers, mainly from Zambia.

Chinese clampdown

Uprising inspires students

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

Security has been tightened on Chinese university campuses in case students are sufficiently galvanized by events in Romania and elsewhere in Eastern Europe to demonstrate again as they did in the weeks before the Tiananmen Square massacre last June.

Greater numbers of plain-clothes police are watching who comes and goes at the universities, and more careful checks are being made on the identities of visitors.

Mr Li Peng, the Prime Minister, has also made a speech affirming that the summer clampdown "safeguarded the leadership of the Communist Party, the socialist system, and the People's Republic".

The Chinese media reported yesterday that Mr Li emphasized "the correctness of taking firm measures to crush the counter-revolutionary rebellion" in an "important speech" at a meeting of the State Council.

On the same day, Mr Li was featured on the news thanking the Armed Police for their help in the June suppression, but warning that China faced a long-term struggle, and "we cannot afford to slacken our vigilance". He urged the Armed Police to "fight against any hostile forces that try to subvert the socialist system".

The Politburo met at the weekend to discuss the crisis in Romania, and issued confidential documents which are circulating among party and government officials.

There are unconfirmed reports that a special group has been set up to keep a watch on the impact of the crisis on China, and that the group will be headed by Mr Deng Xiaoping, the paramount leader.

Mr Li Peng: Emphasized the "correctness" of massacre.

In recent months, the Chinese media have depicted Romania and China as allies, almost the last bastions of socialism in a traitorous world. Ceausescu was interviewed by the *People's Daily* and called for solidarity; Mr Qiao Shi, a member of the Chinese Politburo standing committee, attended the recent meeting of the Romanian Politburo.

Ordinary people have been enthralled by developments in Romania, and especially by the arrest and execution of Ceausescu.They have started to re-examine the failure of the Chinese attempt at ending the Communist monopoly of power, and are asking whether they are prepared for bloodshed on the scale of Romania. They also point out that the people of China might have succeeded in their uprising this year if they had had the Army on their side.

Students have drawn inspiration from the changes in Romania.

Upsurge in neo-Nazism

By Anne McElvoy

The sudden rise of neo-Nazi activity in East Germany since the political upheaval began there in October was admitted yesterday for the first time by the official media.

The youth newspaper *Junge Welt* published a full-page interview with an expert on the resurgence of fascism who warned of the danger of pogroms at demonstrations in the new year.

Previously defined as the scourge of capitalist societies, the recent upheaval in this socialist nation has brought young and old neo-Nazis out on the streets in increasing numbers at the weekly demonstrations, and support for the extreme right is on the rise generally.

On Christmas Eve, the *Leipziger Volkszeitung* newspaper reported a violent attack on an Angolan student living in a city hostel. Police have investigated 144 cases of neo-Nazi violence in the past year, three times as many as in 1988.

The expert who has researched neo-fascism in the country since 1981 asked to remain anonymous, fearing revenge attacks. He said that he had been forbidden to publish the results of his research because "it didn't fit into the ruling view of security at the time. They simply dismissed these people as hooligans and anti-social elements".

He said that neo-Nazis had infiltrated the youth wing of the communist party and trade unions.

Herr Jochen Hoffmann, aged 22, a skinhead seated in the Punktchen pub in East Berlin, sneered at any analytical approach. His leather jacket — a gift from an aunt in the West — was decorated with a West German flag on which the 1937 borders had been painted, along with the slogan "Germany, my fatherland".

"We just want to be proud again," he said. "We are not afraid to admit that we are German and believe in German values. It is the communists who destroyed this country: the only industries that work around here are the ones built under Hitler."

Young skinheads who roam the housing estate where the pub is situated recently drove a group of communist party members out of the pub. Herr Hoffmann cursed them: "Red rats, they don't deserve to drink here."

His grandfather was an SS man: "At first I was ashamed, then I realized that a lot of my friends whose grandfathers had been normal soldiers were jealous." At school he learnt that the roots of fascism had been torn out when East Germany — "the anti-fascist State" — was founded in 1949. His grandfather joined the communist party and worked for the Stasi security police.

"Our teachers, parents, politicians lied to us for 40 years. At least the Nazis were honest about what they wanted," he said.

Recent pro-democracy demonstrations in Leipzig and Dresden have featured aggressive calls for a Fourth Reich. Herr Hoffmann and his friends travelled to both, waving a home-made banner that proclaimed "Germany one fatherland — your children will avenge you".

Under the previous Government, they would have faced stiff prison sentences for airing such sentiments; now the police stand by helplessly.

The extreme right-wing West German Republican Party said last week that it would support the formation of a similar party in the East. The East German Government has said that an equivalent party to the Republicans will not be allowed to take part in the country's first free elections in May as the Constitution still contains a clause outlawing fascism.

Pravda attacks 'dangerous' Lithuanian breakaway

From Nick Worrall
Moscow

The decision by Communists in the Baltic republic of Lithuania to break away from the Soviet party was attacked by *Pravda* yesterday as a move that could undermine the progress of *perestroika*.

A front-page leading article in the party newspaper said that President Gorbachov's reform programme had given a new dimension to "internationalism" but this was being threatened by "outbursts of nationalism and chauvinism and attempts to instigate ethnic turmoil."

"We are used to thinking about the global context of internationalism. Things have changed, emphasizing the importance of uniting the peoples of our own country. The Soviet Union is our common home," *Pravda* said.

The author of the leading article was possibly the newspaper's recently appointed editor-in-chief, Ivan Frolov, a member of the Communist Party Central Committee secretariat and a close adviser of President Gorbachov.

On Tuesday, after a two-day emergency meeting in Moscow, the Central Committee failed to decide what action to take on Lithuania's decision to break away. Mr Gorbachov said he refused to accept the decision, which was taken by an overwhelming vote last week at a special congress in Vilnius of the republic's Communist Party.

Until then, as in the other Soviet republics, this had been a constituent part of the Soviet Communist Party.

But apart from deciding to send senior party officials and Mr Gorbachov himself to Lithuania to talk to recalcitrant local officials and party workers, the party appeared impotent in the face of the rebellion. The use of force to bring the Lithuanians to heel was ruled out at a press conference by the ideology chief, Mr Vadim Medvedev.

The congress decision, *Pravda* said, had caused great alarm in society. "This decision is actually a blow to political reforms and to our hopes and plans to renew socialist society in the spirit of humanism and democacy. The Communist Party of the Soviet Union is being provoked to react in a manner that could undermine many *perestroika* processes."

The party leadership clearly fears that branches in other republics may be about to take similar action. Communists in Estonia, Latvia and Georgia could be the next to break free.

Pravda said: "We have reached a dangerous line and we must stop in front of it and put an end to discord and misunderstanding and rule out methods of pressure, blockade and force." The Lithuanian government has now registered the statute which declares the republic's Communist Party independent, according to a government spokesman, Mr Ceslovas Jursenas, speaking on Vilnius radio.

A vote is expected over the next day or two in the Latvian Supreme Soviet on amendments to the republic's constitution which would remove the Communist Party's monopoly of power.

The Lithuanian legislature has already taken this decision. It has effectively turned next February's election into a multi-party affair.

Already four political parties have begun to campaign in the republic.

High Court orders account disclosures as US steps up pressure on Panamanian dictator

UK banks told to reveal Noriega assets

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

A number of British banks were ordered by the High Court yesterday to disclose details of accounts which the American authorities believe have been used by General Noriega to salt away drug trafficking profits in London.

The orders, requested by police on behalf of the Americans under bilateral agreements established earlier this year, require the banks to reveal actual accounts, the assets they hold and who actually controls the accounts.

Given at a hearing in chambers before Judge Aron Owen, the orders involve a total of less than £500,000 in under 10 banks and the legal move is part of a new campaign by the American authorities in a number of European financial centres to strike at the general's hidden assets. The banks have not been named but one is understood to be the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

Within days they are expected to be followed by applications for orders to freeze any assets in the accounts, after more information is sent from the United States. Banks have been warned that allowing funds to disappear, knowing that the accounts are suspect, would place themselves in jeopardy.

The Americans are known to be trying to trace more than £10 million which they believe has been funneled to accounts in Britain, Switzerland, Luxembourg and France. Swiss and French authorities have already taken action blocking funds worth £2.1 million in two French banks and accounts at the two of Switzerland's largest banks.

One report yesterday said that the Americans were focusing on transactions through an account at a branch of the BCCI in Panama City from which funds flowed to banks in Luxembourg, Switzerland and West Germany.

The Department of Justice contacted the National Drugs Intelligence Unit on Boxing Day asking for British help, acting on information uncovered by a team of investigators in Panama after the American operation to unseat General Noriega. The general was indicted in the US in 1982 and 1988 accused of trafficking after investigations into the cocaine trade. A US congressional hearing last year was told that the general had received £180 million.

Earlier this year Customs investigators won a court case with the BCCI to give the Americans copies of papers on the general's funds uncovered during a raid on the bank in an transatlantic operation codenamed Operation C-Chase against money laundering.

Last year the bank and a number of executives were indicted in a Florida court on money-laundering charges as a result of the investigation.

The papers involved the general, his wife, two daughters and a son-in-law and according to an American television report they showed that the general controlled up to seven accounts.

According to the documents, General Noriega had deposited at least $50 million since he opened the accounts seven years ago while his army salary was about $50,000 a year. In one transaction, $27 million of General Noriega's money was transferred out of a secret account in London to one in Luxembourg just one day after he was indicted on drug charges in the US.

One key document is a letter from General Noriega with instructions that accounts must be kept secret and that no bank statements should ever be sent to him in Panama.

Baby for Uncle Sam: A Panamanian woman, part of the anti-Noriega vigil outside the Vatican embassy, showing her flag-waving child to a US soldier.

GIs bombard an opera buff with Hendrix

From James Bone, Panama City

General Manuel Noriega, the deposed Panamanian ruler whose lavish houses were stocked with a record collection of operas ranging from Mozart to Verdi, is being fed a steady diet of American rock in his refuge at the Vatican diplomatic mission in Panama City. The Americans seem to be waging a campaign of psychological warfare.

The US forces that have sealed off the area are blasting the leafy compound with such classics as *Voodoo Chile* by Jimi Hendrix.

Loudspeakers outside the two-storey mission have been playing the US armed forces' radio at full volume, and many of the songs have a pointed message.

Among hits broadcast for the general's delectation have been such catchy ditties as *I Fought the Law and the Law Won, You're No Good* and *Somebody's Watching Me*.

The radio is also relaying news reports over the embassy walls, including sound bites of President Bush making comments on General Noriega.

Officially, the US says the noise is intended to stop journalists stationed in the Holiday Inn, which overlooks the Vatican compound, from eavesdropping.

But soldiers in the area say that the booming pop music is part of a "psy. op" -- a psychological operation.

With the US Army supplying this free juke-box, something of a party atmosphere has developed around the Papal Nunciature, which is located in a prosperous banking and residential area.

Well-dressed young women from the luxurious apartment buildings nearby flirt with the GIs manning the tanks that block the roads.

Upper-class residents demonstrate at the roadblocks, calling for the former despot to be turned over to the Americans. Graffiti on the streets demand "an eye for an eye".

"If the nunciature does not give up Noriega, it's going to establish the precedent that the Church serves as a sanctuary for all the drug dealers and killers in the world," said one resident, Señorita Maria Velázquez, as she waited in front of one of the US barricades.

"We want the nunciature to deliver Noriega to the Americans because they have a right to get him," added Señorita Elena de la Guardia. "They shed their blood here, they freed us from a tyrant and they have the right to take Noriega for trial."

A lively black market in stolen goods is sprouting up in the traditional thieves' neighbourhood of Casco Viejo. Many Panamanians have been shocked by the way people from all classes have joined in the pillaging.

One resident of a rich area where a jewellery shop was looted said her neighbours were trying to find out how to buy stolen Cartier watches.

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Egypt-Syria ties delight the PLO

From Michael Theodoulou, Nicosia

The Arab world is delighted that its two most crucial states in the Middle East conflict, Egypt and Syria, have restored diplomatic relations after a 12-year rift, while Israel has reacted with a mix of caution and despondency.

It is unclear how the resumption of ties will affect the peace process, although most observers believe it will improve Egypt's position as a mediator and strengthen the bargaining hand of the Palestinians.

With Washington's backing, Egypt is involved in tortuous diplomacy to arrange direct talks between Israel and the Palestinians, but knows that any settlement opposed by Damascus will be limited.

The Palestine Liberation Organization, despite the long-standing antipathy between its chairman, Mr Yassir Arafat, and President Assad of Syria, was overjoyed by the rapprochement between Cairo and Damascus.

"It is a very big setback for the Israelis," a high-ranking PLO diplomat in Nicosia said. "They have always tried to divide Egypt and they succeeded at Camp David. Now the Arabs will be more powerful with a united front in the peace process."

While Israel hopes that Egypt will now be able to use its influence to moderate Syria's hardline position, it is more concerned that things could go the other way, or, almost certainly, with the Arabs united they will be in a far stronger position to demand, and possibly exact, more concessions.

Syria, like the PLO, wants a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement worked out at an international conference and the return of lands occupied by Israel since the 1967 war, namely the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and its own Golan Heights, which are of strategic importance.

President Assad and the radical Palestinian groups he backs are opposed to Egypt's current Middle East peace proposals, fearing Cairo is forcing the PLO to make too many concessions. They are also furious that Israel insists on setting the agenda for the talks and wants to exclude any PLO delegates.

● JERUSALEM: Israeli officials said yesterday that the announcement that Egypt and Syria will soon restore diplomatic relations was a good sign for the Middle East peace process (A Correspondent writes).

An official at the Foreign Ministry said: "We hope it will strengthen the peace process and bring in other Arab countries, including Syria."

Mr Avi Pazner, an aide to the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, characterized the Egypt-Syria detente as "part of Egypt's going back to the Arab world". He added: "We hope it will bring about a bigger realization in the Arab world that peace with Israel is possible and desirable."

Peasants flock to Khmer Rouge

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

As the Khmer Rouge widen their military operations in Cambodia, they are finding many new recruits among rural people who Western intelligence officials say are being won over by Khmer Rouge blandishments in the form of money, rice, medicine and protection.

The needy peasants get no assistance from the Government in Phnom Penh or from local officials, they say.

Political and diplomatic experts close to the Cambodian problem say these activities, typical of Khmer Rouge methods, are giving them significant political gains and are more important than their military operations.

Aid workers and other independent sources say peasants in Cambodia and refugees in Thai camps are also persuaded to join up by Khmer Rouge promises that, after a period of military service, they will be permitted to dig for rubies and other gems in recently captured areas.

According to the intelligence officials, some recruits join the Khmer Rouge because they want to be on the winning side. That is how some see the Khmer Rouge despite their appalling crimes while in power.

This situation is damaging government efforts to raise new units to reinforce the Army for an offensive against the resistance. Large numbers of young men have been conscripted but many desert immediately afterwards.

Some surrendered to the Thai Army on the border, saying: "We don't want to fight anyone." Cambodian officials admit that corruption among army officers and the Government has demoralized the military forces.

The anticipated government offensive in the new year is now not expected. The intelligence officials said that preparations would be visible if it were going to happen. For the offensive to succeed, the Government would have to convince its soldiers that they have a reason to fight.

Rome -- Italy is ready to work towards ending the war in Cambodia, Signor Gianni De Michelis, the Italian Foreign Minister, has signalled after signing the first bilateral economic accords between Vietnam and a Western country.

How to avoid feeling car sick.

(Read this before you buy a £20,000 luxury saloon.)

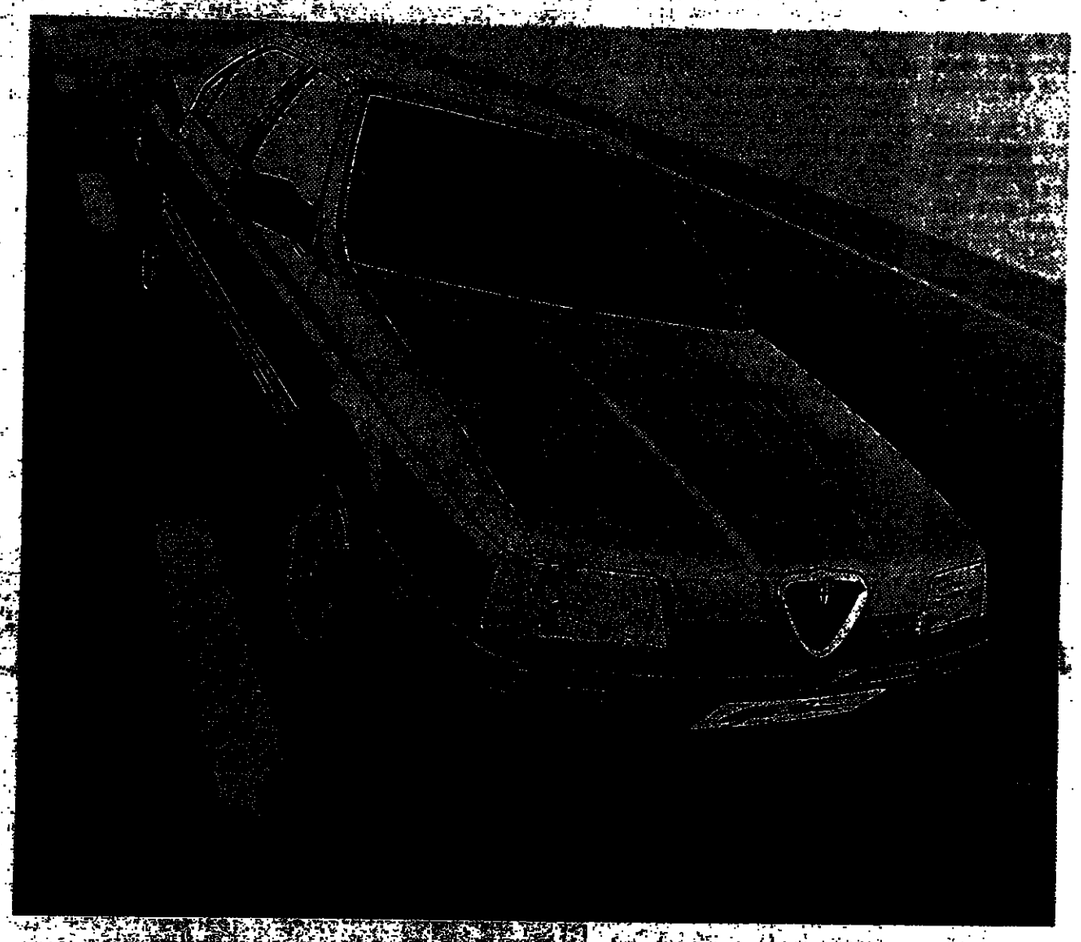
If you are about to buy a £20,000 car, you should first read an article which appeared in July's Performance Car Magazine.

It set out to discover what real people thought of the cars on offer and it found that when offered say £20,000 to buy a company car, most people have already made their minds up on what they want, and "BMW are perceived to be the user/chooser executive choice."

BMW themselves admit that over half of the people who buy their cars do not take a test drive beforehand. The magazine's own research suggests the figure to be nearer 75%.

So 48 people who might be in the market for a £20,000 saloon were asked to place eight cars in order of preference and this was the result:

1.	Alfa Romeo 164 Lusso
2.	Saab 9000 CD turbo
2.	Ford Sierra Cosworth
4.	BMW 525i SE
5.	Audi 90 Quattro
6.	Rover Vitesse
7.	Jaguar XJ6 2.9
8.	Honda Legend



Nearly everyone put the BMW at the top of the list, in the same way that almost everyone put the Rover at the bottom.

Then came the accident. A cross-section of these people were then given the eight cars to test drive over a mixture of roads in one day.

Aged between 32 and 58, they were exactly the sort of people that manufacturers of this type of car desperately want to woo: an architect, a stockbroker, a property developer, a company director. In short, they were not the sort of people who minced words, and after the test they were asked to re-assess their earlier list.

The results were very different. As the magazine said, "this wasn't just a victory for the Alfa, it was a walkover – with six of the eight drivers putting it first and the two that didn't putting it second."

Comments were all equally effusive. "At last, a real car. I want one now."

No one talked about the Alfa's image. "They liked it as a car, not as a dinner party conversation piece." One person picked up on the engine's "intoxicating noise," while another simply called it "gorgeous."

(The 164's 3.0 litre V6 engine reaches 0-60 in 7.5 seconds and has a top speed of 143mph.)

Even the magazine thought the Alfa Romeo had the best engine and "subjectively, it just tips the BMW in the beauty stakes."

As far as the testers were concerned, the BMW was pipped into fourth place.

"Time and time again, the chaps climbed out of it saying it had done nothing to tickle their erogenous zones. Where they were expecting pizzazz, they were given humdrum. Where they were expecting excitement, they were given competence."

Feelings were summed up by the person who said, "Quite obviously a superb car in every way, except for two things. It needs more power and it is utterly boring."

All of the other cars received equally severe criticism. One person, climbing out of the Jaguar, simply said "Well that's just a waste of a walnut tree."

The Rover people thought, would "go down a bomb in Eastbourne," while the Ford Sierra Cosworth divided the testers between those who were enthusiastic about the engine and those who were put off by the badge.

"It's still a plastic Ford Sierra," said one.

"When driven in the wet, it serves as a constant and noisy reminder of one's own mortality," summed up another.

No one was wildly enthusiastic about the Audi 90 Quattro's engine, with one person saying it needs more guts.

Sadly, the Honda Legend suffered most. One tester said "it was like being in an old people's home," and "it should have stayed in Japan," while someone else said he'd "rather have a moped."

The magazine concluded that people's image of a car was often very different from the reality.

"People had conspicuously high hopes of the Audi (thanks to rallying), of the Honda (thanks to Formula One), and of the BMW (thanks to all sorts of things); but, at the end of the day, each of those products failed to live up to the picture the imagination had painted."

The Alfa Romeo 164 was judged and won largely on technical merit. (Hardly surprising, when you consider it offers ABS, air conditioning, a compact disc player and a 3-year unlimited mileage warranty for under £22,000.)

"This would be very good news..." observed Performance Car "... If only (Alfa Romeo) could get people to take test drives before making a decision." The moral of the story is obvious.

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A look back on some of the successes and the casualties of the Eighties . . . and a forecast of the next decade of headline-makers

Who was who — and who wasn't

Where are they now? Some of the people who made it to the bright lights by the end of the decade — and some of those who never quite made it. From left: Martin Amis, Nigel Kennedy, Lynda Chalker, Nigel Short, Peter Shore, Barry Sherman, Kate Brasher

Who were supposed to be stars of the Eighties? Ten years ago, the following people were among those predicted by the *Sunday Times Magazine*. Did they make it?

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Nigel Short: 1979: A 14-year-old prodigy, having become, at 12, the youngest player to reach the finals of the adult British National Chess Championship. Experts predicted a potential world beater.

1989: Short's rise has matched the most lavish of predictions. In 1980 he became the youngest international master. Four years later he was a grandmaster and the most outstanding player in British history. In September this year he consolidated his international standing by sharing third place in the World Cup tournament in Sweden, behind Gary Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov.

Lynda Chalker: 1979: Just starting a stint as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the DHSS, having been Opposition spokesman on social services for four years. A member of the Liberal-leaning Tory Reform Group, and much bruited as the statutory woman in a Tory Cabinet of the 1980s.

1989: Hardly a token front-bench female; rather, since the political passing of Edwina Currie, *the* other Conservative woman. In a decade loud with career mishaps, her rise has been remarkably trouble-free; Minister of State for Transport in 1983, a Privy Councillor in 1987, and — the zenith of her fortunes so far — Minister for Overseas Development in 1989.

Howard Newby: 1979: At 31, a senior lecturer in sociology at the radical Essex University. His passionate interest in the countryside, its uses and abuses, singled him out. Seemed to be a refreshing successor-apparent to the Malcolm Bradbury History Men.

1989: Dynamic chairman of the Economic and Social Research Council, with a team of 110 and a mission to demonstrate to its reluctant paymaster, the Government, that sociology has proper claims to being a serious science.

'He still refers to concerts as gigs, and commands solo fees of £4,000 a night'

Several influential books to his name, most notably *The Countryside in Question*, the decade's most clear-eyed portrait of outdoor politics and the landscape's response to Mrs Thatcher.

Martin Amis: 1979: Aged 30, with two novels sufficiently acclaimed to gain him a regard in isolation to his father. The second, *Success*, could not be explained away by mimesis or precociousness; a powerful new voice in rehearsal.

1989: Three more novels by 1984 erased the "promising" from his tag and substituted "major young". The last, *Money*, was hailed as the essential fiction of a fiscally obsessed generation. His latest, *London Fields*, is set in the last year of the century and has been greeted as the first (but not the last) big millennial work in the medium.

Nigel Kennedy: 1979: The first holder of the Yehudi Menuhin scholarship, fame came to Kennedy in the form of a television documentary on his work and jazz violin sessions with Stéphane Grappelli. Technical brilliance and anti-Establishment leanings were bidding to make him a rock star of the classical world.

1989: It happened. At 33, he has been as aggressively marketed as Eighties casualty Boy George. In 1985, his recording of the Elgar Violin Concerto sold more than 100,000 copies and won the British Industry Awards for Best Classical Disc. Still refers to concerts as gigs, makes guest appearances on Paul McCartney and Kate Bush albums, and commands solo fees of £4,000 a night, compared with the average classical violinist's expectation of £200.

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Barry Sherman: 1979: At 39, the director of research for Clive Jenkins's white-collar union, ASTMS. Had first qualified as a dental surgeon and was joint author of several books. Edited the union's quarterly economic review and was emerging as an influential trade union voice.
1989: All but disappeared from the scene of active unionism, having been made "amicably" redundant from his research director's post in 1983 after a disagreement with Jenkins over a television series. Worked and wrote copiously and produced works on computers and labour organization. Also gave lectures and helped the Henley Centre for Forecasting to produce *Leisure Futures*, which looked forward to a world with little work.

Kate Brasher: 1979: A bright 17-year-old hope for post-Wade British women's tennis, with seven under-14 championships to her name. Seemed certain to excel.
1989: Not quite — at least in tennis. Did well domestically and overseas in the opening years of the 1980s, with a string of team and individual performances. Ranked sixth in Britain in 1981, qualified for the US Open in 1981 and 1982, but retired the following year to work as an investment and banking analyst.

Peter Shore: 1979: Secretary of State for the Environment in the Callaghan government; one of the very ablest Labour politicians of the generation after Wilson, Foot and Healey. At 55, experienced and young enough to be a major influence — perhaps even to be the leader.
1989: Waned progressively from the centre of the Labour stage as the turbulent Eighties unfolded. Now a figure of controversy within his own party, attacking the "naivety" of its stance on European union. Recently criticized by members of his sponsoring union, the Transport and General Workers, who opposed his reselection as member for Bethnal Green and Stepney because of his commitment to multilateralism.

Celia Gregory: 1979: Much fancied as a candidate for the cinema big-time as a result of regular television appearances in series such as *Quiller* and *Hazell*. Was expected to burst on to the big-screen scene in the Eighties.
1989: We waited. She continued her television career with ever more success and acclaim, taking lead roles in dramas, notably *Riley*. *Ace of Spies*. Eventually upstaged her own career chances by deciding to start a family.

Cherry Frizzell: 1979: A late beginner in the fashion trade, ex-journalist Frizzell, then 39, was running a highly profitable business. With Bergdorf Goodman in New York planning to open her shop within theirs, her future as a fashion leader seemed assured.
1989: The decade had barely started when she discovered the works of the spiritual teacher Omraam Aivanhov, abandoned her business, and devoted herself to the dissemination of his teaching. An alternative tale of rags to riches.

Alan Franks

The time of their lives

Through opportunism, ambition or accident, the decade had its share of those who moved from obscurity to the spotlight. Who have been the shooting stars of the Eighties?

It was the Andy Warhol of the 1960s who declared that everyone would be famous for 15 minutes in the course of their lives. His critics may have felt that even this allocation was a quarter of an hour too long for him. But when his own life came to an end this year, both he and his dictum enjoyed another little flurry of celebrity.

Of all the instant stars of a decade more starry by far than its predecessor, T. Dan Quayle seemed the man most likely to vindicate the artist's theory. However, the foot-in-mouth specialist has had not 15 minutes but 15 months of fame, the last 12 as vice-president of the United States. It was his Democrat rival for the job, Senator **Lloyd Bentsen**, the one who bested Quayle on television by telling the upstart "you are no Jack Kennedy", who went the Warhol way. At least he has his compatriot **John Tower** for company, the one who wanted to be defence secretary, only to founder in a sea of birds-and-booze accusations. All have been effortlessly trumped by the Tory leadership contender, **Sir Anthony Meyer**.

But there was at least one American who scored his 15 minutes for doing something; **Leany Skutnik**, a 28-year-old postman, was watched on television by 60 million people in 1983 as he plunged through ice to save a young woman air crash survivor from drowning in the frozen River Potomac.

Our very own **Eddie (The Eagle) Edwards** also plunged his way to heroism, even though the idea had been to soar. Eddie came 58th out of 58 in the men's ski jump at the Calgary Olympics. Unlike some other "names", he has maintained his standards, smashing himself up at Innsbruck in January. **Matthias Rust** stayed in the air for a little longer, even though he had his wings clipped for his pains by the Soviets after he landed in Red Square.

Maureen McGoldrick also landed in trouble, when she was suspended by Brent Council from her job as head teacher for four months in 1986 for making an allegedly racist remark. Kenneth Baker, who is even more famous today, compelled the authority to drop disciplinary proceedings against her.

But it was a good decade for women getting men into trouble. **Fiona Wright** claimed to have had a five-times-a-night affair with Burton boss Sir Ralph Halpern; her figure was not contested. **Monica Coghlan** deserved far more than 15 minutes for her part in Jeffrey Archer's departure from politics. A newspaper falsely claimed the former deputy chairman of the Conservative Party had had sex with her and then tried to pay her off. In the end it was Archer who ended up quids in, with a £500,000 libel settlement. The 15 minutes did not come cheap for **Pamella Bordes** either; the gregarious siren might have hastened a few more career shifts in the House of Commons had she not lost her own job.

Renate Blauel lost a husband when she and pop star Elton John agreed in 1987 to part. She gained £3 million in alimony and another £2 million in jewels and gifts. **Sarah Tisdall** lost her liberty in 1984 at the Old Bailey for having leaked a Ministry of Defence document to *The Guardian*, while the previous year **Anna Coote** and **Tessa Gill** won the acclaim of their sex and the right to buy drinks at the male redoubt of El Vino's. Gay Labour candidate **Peter Tatchell** lost Bermondsey to the Liberals in the same year, and **Stephen Waldorf** lost his faith in the police when he was mistaken for a dangerous fugitive and shot. **Clive Ponting** fared better than Tisdall and was acquitted in a 1985 secrets trial after sending documents on the sinking of the Belgrano to Labour MP Tam Dalyell. The **Belgrano** was lost and the **Titanic** was found. **Ian McDonald**, dubbed McDalek for his mechanized television deliveries as the MoD's Falklands war spokesman, was found and lost.

Little-known bass singer **Eric Garrett** triumphed at the Royal Opera House when he stood in for the ailing Paolo Montarsolo as Mustafa in Rossini's *L'Italiana in Algeri*. Simone Alaimo would have deputized, but his flight from Milan was diverted to Paris because of fog. Young gymnast **Lisa Grayson** from Redcar, Cleveland, had a similar 15 minutes in her sights when she was called up as a last-minute replacement at the Seoul Olympics, but she missed her flight from Heathrow.

Erica Roe was missing nothing except her clothes when she made a break across the Twickenham turf at a 1982 rugby international; two years later she also shed her job as a columnist on the *East Hants Freebee*. **Sara Keays**, mother of Cecil Parkinson's baby, proved only a temporary setback to his career.

Geraldine Ferraro, first female vice-presidential candidate in 1984, was even less successful than T. Dan Quayle, which is its own reward; glamorous secretary **Fawn Hall** was no less distinguished for becoming personal aide to disgraced White House security adviser Oliver North. **Michael Fagan**'s meeting with the Queen was suitably brief to qualify him; but the Palace prowler who broke into her bedroom nearly ruined it all by starring as a cabaret artist at a Labour beer festival in east London. **Katie Rabett**'s brush with Prince Andrew was of a more customary kind.

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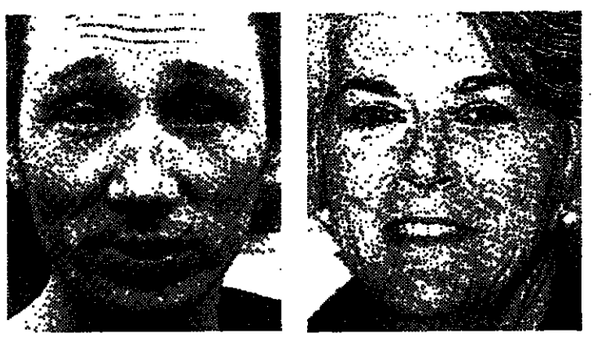
Going . . . gregarious Pamella Bordes and battling Sir Anthony Meyer



Going . . . wandering Michael Fagan and US hopeful Geraldine Ferraro

Gone . . . Clive Ponting told all, Matthias Rust took flight to Moscow

Names for the '90s

From the City to the stage and the sporting world, who are the personalities likely to make the news in the next decade? *The Times* asked its experts to make their predictions

RONAN RAFFERTY. Golfer, aged 25.
One of the stars of 1989 Ryder Cup. European career winnings since 1981: £988,260. Like Faldo, he places ambition before avarice. Technically strong, and resolute by nature. Now qualified for US Masters, US Open and US PGA championship.
Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

PETER HIGGS. Professor of theoretical physics, Edinburgh University, aged 60.
His theory on first moments of the universe ranks with Einstein's work on relativity. Confirmation in 1990 of his ideas could make scientists feel more comfortable about the Big Bang. Experiments start next year to find Higgs boson, a particle he first proposed in 1964. If there are no bosons, textbooks on the fundamental materials of creation will need rewriting.
Pearce Wright, Science Editor

SAMANTHA BOND. Actress, aged 27.
Much-praised Beatrice in Kenneth Branagh's *Much Ado About Nothing* (1988). Intelligent and sensitive performance as the Scottish heroine of *The Ginger Tree* marked her as a television actress of rare quality. First big part of 1990 will be in the new Ayckbourn, *Man of the Moment*.
Peter Waymark, television writer

MICHAEL GREEN. Media entrepreneur, aged 41.
Chairman of Carlton Communications, a market leader in television services. Making a fortune in the video reproduction business. Determined to expand in broadcasting and has taken a shareholding in Central and started takeover talks with Thames.
David Brewerton, Executive Editor, Business News

DAVID MAMET. Playwright, stage and film director, aged 42.
The most intriguing Hollywood prospect of the 1990s after directing *House of Games* and *Things Change*, ingratiating, odd comedies rich in childlike underworld eccentrics and highly-flavoured dialogue.
David Robinson, cinema reviewer

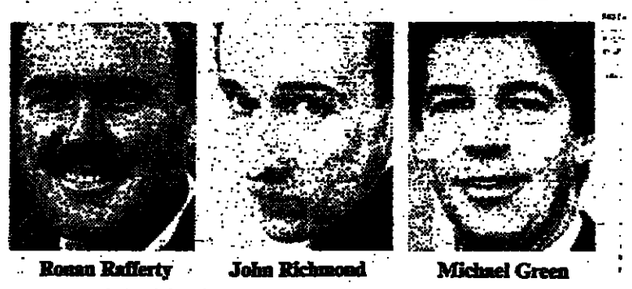
PETER SELLARS. Opera director, aged 31.
A supreme talent to scandalize — *King Lear* as nuclear holocaust, Don Giovanni as Harlem drug pusher. In Britain he staged Osborne's opera *The Electrification of the Soviet Union* and epic production of John Adams's *Nixon in China*. Collaborating on an opera about the hijacking of the liner Achille Lauro. Glyndebourne braces itself for his *Magic Flute*, next May.
Richard Morrison, deputy arts editor

JOHN RICHMOND. Fashion designer, aged 29.
An innovative fashion force. Technically-skilled and trend setting. Born in Manchester, has a shop in Newburgh Street, Soho. Partnership with designer Maria Cornejo (1984-1987), now established his name with a gutsy style. New, lower-priced line, Destroy, sportswear, arrives in shops in February.
Liz Smith, Fashion Editor

CHRISTOPHER PATTEN. Environment Secretary, aged 45.
Formidably intelligent. Has grasped the depth of the challenge posed by environmental problems. His Environment White Paper may presage the most fundamental recasting of British society since Beveridge.
Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

FRANCIS MAUDE. MP for Warwickshire North, aged 36.
A cultured, non-strident right-winger. Impressed the Prime Minister as a junior minister at the DTI before being switched to Minister of State at the Foreign Office. Now responsible for Hong Kong and the boat people.
Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Peter Sellars — Samantha Bond — Peter Higgs



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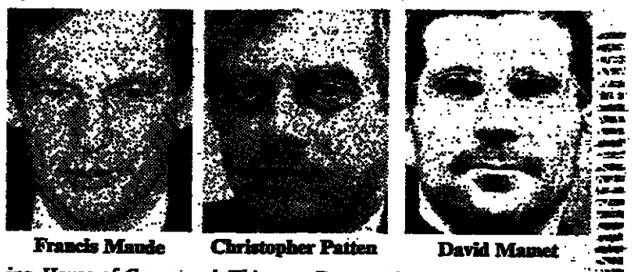

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FRIDAY PAGE

Home sweet castle

The row over Sir Geoffrey Howe's highly desirable new London house prompts Sally Brompton to investigate grace-and-favour residences. Where are they, who owns them, who is able to live in them — and who pays?

JULIAN HERBERT

Home guard, royal grace-and-favour style: the 600-year-old terrace at Windsor Castle where Eileen and John Lindner live

As a permanent resident of Windsor Castle, Eileen Lindner is used to people raising their eyebrows when they ask for her address. "When they realize I'm not joking they're a bit shattered," admits the 69-year-old brigadier's wife. "It *is* a good address."

Eileen and her husband John, aged 77, are among the thousands of privileged tenants of Britain's grace-and-favour residences, which range from 35-room palace wings to bed-sits. While 120 residences belong to the Queen and are located mainly at Hampton Court, St James's Palace, Kensington Palace and Windsor Castle, the great majority are designated by the Government as official homes for selected tenants — many of them on Crown land.

Among these are Chequers and Chevening, the country estates of the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary, and Dorneywood, currently the home of the Deputy Prime Minister, Sir Geoffrey Howe. The desirability of many of the residences is highlighted by the uproar over Sir Geoffrey's new London house on Millbank, which had previously been promised to Major-General Pat Crawford and his wife, Juliet, who spent several months on its redecoration.

The Lindners waited nearly eight years for their 600-year-old, three-bedroomed terrace house in Windsor Castle, overlooking St George's Chapel and the Royal Mews. The house comes with John's appointment as one of the 13 Military Knights of Windsor, an honorary position awarded to retired, distinguished military men. "You have to be vetted by two or three different boards and the Dean and the Governor, and be appointed before retiring age," says Eileen, who has two grown-up children.

The Department of the Environment, which looks after the royal palaces, takes care of the external maintenance of the houses. When one of the Military Knights dies, his widow is provided by the Queen with alternative grace-and-favour accommodation. Living in the castle precincts, Eileen is not allowed to hang out her washing, but there are no other restrictions. She occasionally sees the Queen while tending her allotment in Windsor Great Park and once, when driving through the castle gates, she was mistaken for Her Majesty by a group of French school-chikdren, who shouted out: "C'est la reine! C'est la reine!"

"We're very lucky because we can call on the castle plumbers and electricians whenever something goes wrong," Eileen says. "And then there's constant security. The only annoying thing is all the visitors — we've had them walk in the house in summer when the door is wide open. There's a sign which says 'Private, no entry', but a lot of them either can't or won't read."

Windsor Castle also provides a ready-made social life. "It's like living in a small village where everybody knows everyone else, and we all rally round if anything happens. There's a smashing lot of policemen here at the moment who know us all by name."

At Hampton Court, only 10 of the original 50 grace-and-favour apartments are still occupied, mainly by the elderly widows of men who served the country with distinction. The last widow moved in in 1968, shortly before the decision to change their use. The oldest has been there since the 1930s. The occupants pay normal rates to the local council, and their own household bills.

"Many of the apartments have as many as 16 rooms, and are up 40 or 50 narrow steps — really quite unsuitable for elderly people," says Ian Gray, deputy administrator at Hampton Court Palace. The decision to cease using them as grace-and-favour apartments was reinforced by the elderly resident who caused the multi-million-pound fire in 1986, although there is currently a great dilemma over what to do with them. Already some of the more accessible ones have been converted into offices, galleries or craft workshops.

'We're very lucky because we can call on the castle plumbers whenever something goes wrong'

The methods by which the apartments were allocated are vague. "There seems not to have been a rational policy," Gray says. "There was an enormous waiting list, but it seems to have been a case of whoever had the most influence."

The Queen's other grace-and-favour residences include the Kensington Palace homes of the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Margaret, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, and Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, and bed-sits occupied by former or present members of the palace staff who may have to work unsociable hours. The Duke of Edinburgh's mother, Princess Alice of Battenberg, banished with her husband from Greece in 1922, took holy orders and lived as a recluse in a flat in Buckingham Palace until her death in 1969.

According to Buckingham Palace, "residences are made available for the most part to serving members of the royal household, such as the Armed Services and police, as official quarters". Others have been put at the disposal of distant relations of the Royal Family, many of them in exile from their own countries.

Several Government departments have their own Crown properties for use as grace-and-favour residences. The Lord Chancellor's department provides temporary lodgings for judges when they are out on circuit, and the Ministry of Defence has about 20 flats and houses in London (including Sir Geoffrey Howe's new home) which are regarded as official service residences and used by "very senior officers such as chiefs of staff, because of the requirements of the job". In common with the occupants of any married quarters, tenants pay service charges based on the size and type of accommodation. When the officer retires, dies or changes his job, the accommodation is passed to someone else.

The Department of the Environment's Property Services Agency, which maintains all the official properties, lists the historically graded ones in four enormous volumes, and there are thousands more not even graded.

According to a spokesman at the Department of the Environment, grace-and-favour "is a widely used phrase which we don't categorize. There is no central register of the properties, and the conditions of each are worked out separately. Some occupants can pay their own maintenance bills and rates, and some may even pay a nominal rent."

At Windsor the Lindners pay no rent or rates — although they will have to pay the community charge, "which will hit us" — but are responsible for the normal household bills and the interior upkeep of the house. "It was done up for us to our own colour scheme when we first moved in, 12 years ago," Eileen says. "There were certain things I wanted removed, like beams that were sticking out and walls that were in the wrong places, but they said I couldn't because the house would fall down."

You've got to have class

BARBARA AMIEL

I knew I was back here on Sanibel Island in Florida the minute I turned on the television set. A beaming man with a deep tan glowed happily. "It's the American family sweepstakes," he boomed. "You could win $20 million today." A husband and wife stood anxiously beside him, alternating between uneasy grins and worried looks. The audience applauded wildly.

Quiz shows are a staple of American television and the prizes are always big, big money. You don't win a sofa and chairs, you win "a fabulous matching suite worth $6,500!". While I was growing up in England, I clenched my fists over some awful quiz show on the BBC during which one watched the hands of a piano player without any sound and the game was to guess the Köchel number of the piece being played. Across the Atlantic, North Americans were glued to *The 64 Thousand Dollar Question.*

The difference between British and North American society is quite neatly reflected, I think, in these two preoccupations. In the United States, the amount of money an individual has all but determines his place in the social hierarchy. In Britain, on the other hand, while social standing is not uninfluenced by income, it is not governed by it.

But to see American society as one in which people pursue the almighty buck, while we pursue other more worthy goals, is only a half truth. It has always seemed to me that what people really want in life is standing in the social hierarchy. It may be a popular belief — and it is certainly one held by Americans themselves — that they are a materialistic society, hell bent on accumulating money. In my view, the goal that Americans pursue with such tenacity, and varying levels of dishonesty, is not money, but hierarchy. Money is the ticket, not the destination.

When status cannot be reflected solely by money, human beings instinctively cultivate a number of other symbols by which it can be expressed. We English, for example, are very careful to appear to have a level of education or refinement because of its significance in the social hierarchy. But while there are always individual exceptions, the general reasons why a knowledge of music or literature, of painting or topiary skills is valued in England are no more noble than the reasons why Americans pursue the dollar. We pursue refinement and intellectual achievement as a matter of status, simple if not pure.

This does not free us from the dishonesty, avarice or immorality with which the Americans pursue the buck. One need only observe the relentless tactics used in pursuit of hierarchy among members of our sub-classes, such as the literary, bureaucratic, military or Intelligence communities. And where hierarchy is not tied to money, it may create an even greater gulf between people: the social distance between a lieutenant and a colonel is far wider than that of their salaries.

Nor is this English society of ours "nicer" or more pleasant in its pursuit of status. The Fifth Avenue back-biting about a man's personal wealth is mild compared with the malice of a London dinner party, where intellectual refinement requires the delicate bloodying of one's partner in conversation with wit that must slash as precisely as the point of a rapier. This malice, incidentally, may have to do with the general decline of British power in the last 100 years, and the accumulation of it by North America. A society that becomes sour or envious may turn its wit in upon itself.

All the same, there is a positive side-effect to our English pretensions. If we lived in a society where status depended upon physical prowess, I suppose everyone would be rather more agile and muscled than in a different sort of community. In the same sense, even though Americans pursue the dollar not so much for money itself but rather to get a place on the social ladder, the side-effect of this is that they have more millionaires than any other society in the world. Similarly, even though the English may pursue good manners and intellectual refinement simply in order to elevate class and status, the benefit is that we have a land in which more taxi drivers read Tolstoy and Goethe, and more English secretaries can spell than American ones.

No doubt there are as many unrefined, uncultured and ill-educated wealthy people in England as America, but there would be significantly fewer among our rank who would be proud of it. In this sense, I think British snobbery is preferable. After living for several decades in American culture, where an utter lack of acquaintance with matters of the mind or very low origins are a matter of pride, one is driven to feeling with George Orwell that snobbishness, like hypocrisy, is a check upon behaviour whose value from a social point of view has been severely underrated.

Midnight's children

Which British politician and his wife will be spending New Year's Eve, the anniversary of their engagement, cruising in the Caribbean? Which author enjoys "tremendously fierce" competitions with his carefully invited guests as midnight approaches? And whose most memorable New Year's Eve was spent in the basement of a Soho pub, with fellow refugees from Nazi tyranny? Read *The Times* tomorrow, in colour, to discover the New Year secrets of the famous.

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News on environmental issues

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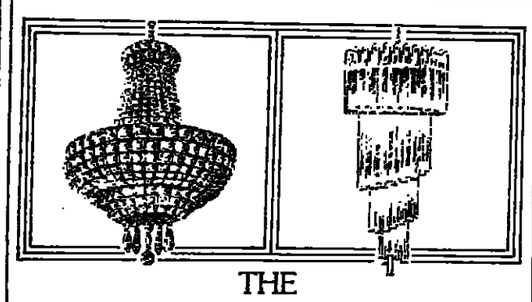
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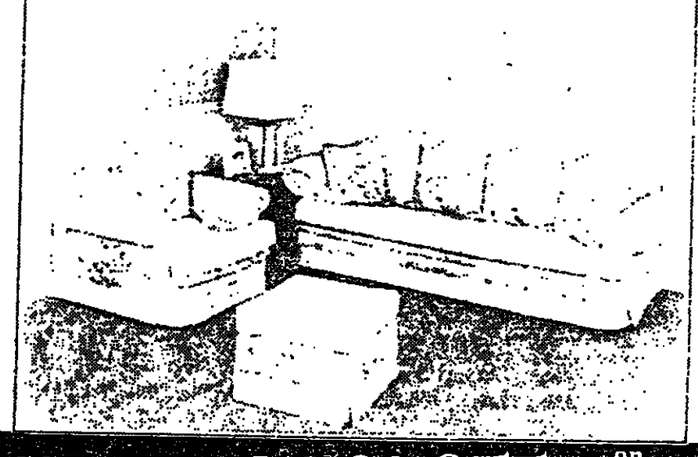
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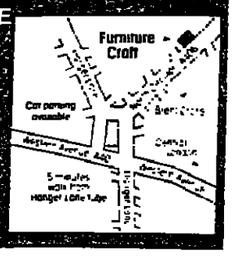

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MARTIN FLETCHER

Washington

Spare a thought for Our Man in Panama. Alan Powell was sent out as acting Chargé d'Affaires this autumn, on a three-month assignment that was meant to end last Friday. With just two days to go, the US invaded. Instead of flying home for Christmas, Powell was holed up alone in the official British residence while trigger-happy mobs laid waste the city around him.

But diplomacy is complicated everywhere these days. The East German foreign ministry, evidently not sharing the view that reunification is inevitable, is pressing ahead with plans for a new $8 million embassy building in Washington, and has taken a 99-year lease on the plot. "I just hope their government stays put until I get my fee," joked the architect, Marvin Cantor.

Indeed, a huge turnover of diplomats is expected in Washington in the new year, as East European governments sack emissaries who have spent their careers extolling repressive regimes. The diplomats are fighting hard to survive. Ion Stoichici, the Romanian ambassador, declared over the Christmas weekend that he and his staff had switched allegiances. "We have the same feelings as other Romanians," he told reporters through the iron bars of a window of his locked and egg-splattered embassy.

The defeated Democratic presidential candidate, Michael Dukakis, steps down as governor of Massachusetts in 1990. He presides over such fiscal chaos that it will take a formidable Democrat to prevent a Republican taking over. But one may be in the offing, in the form of Joe Kennedy, 37-year-old son of Robert and nephew of Jack, two favourite sons of Massachusetts. Earlier this year he ruled himself out because he and his wife were separating, but the former Speaker Tip O'Neill is among many urging him to reconsider.

President Bush has meanwhile shown magnanimity in victory. He has offered Dukakis's wife, Kitty, a minor government post on a body charged with building a Holocaust museum in America. Kitty, a Jew, had served on the Holocaust Memorial Council before, but Ronald Reagan refused to reappoint her in 1987. Bush may have been swayed by compassion. A reformed alcoholic, Kitty drank rubbing alcohol last month during a bout of black depression.

● Howler-prone Vice-President Dan Quayle and his wife Marilyn contributed to the general merriment this Christmas. They sent out 30,000 cards with a message beginning: "May our nation continue to be a beakon of hope to the world . . ." Was there another spelling mistake in the White House announcement of the president's holiday plans? It said he'd be staying on a Texas ranch this week, shooting quail.

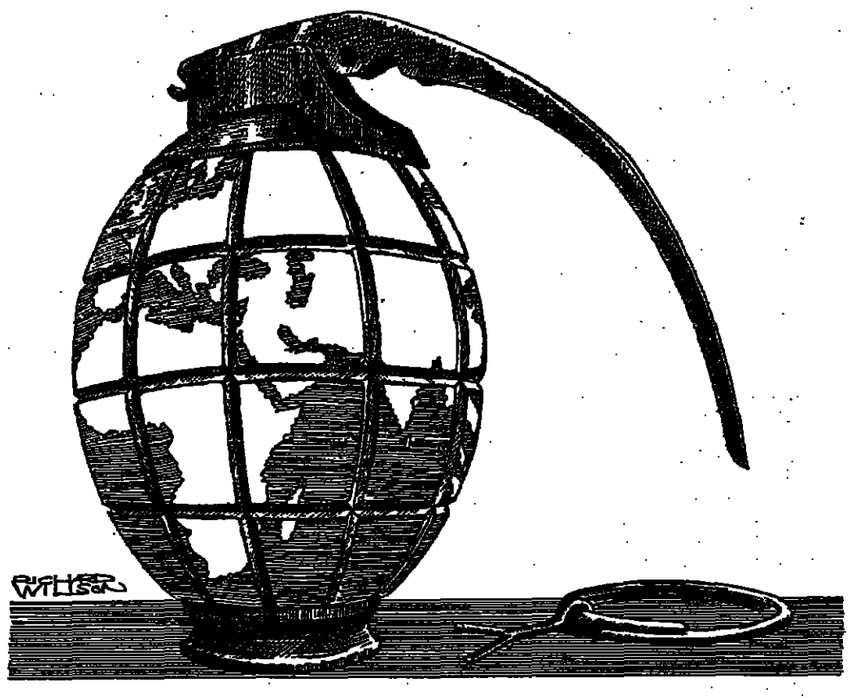
BARRY FANTONI

"Up all night, rushed off my feet; anyone would think I was a junior doctor"

Just before Christmas, Bush flew from icy Washington to the French Caribbean island of St Martin to meet President Mitterrand. His entourage included his personal assistant, Tim McBride, and Paul Bateman, director of the White House office of administration. While their boss talked, they stripped off and plunged into the sea, where they were promptly arrested for swimming in a restricted area. Clad only in swimming trunks, unable to communicate with the French gendarmes, they were bundled into a car and driven off for interrogation. They were saved only when spotted by sharp-eyed US secret service agents posted by the roadside.

This weekend, "Hizzoner" Mayor Koch ends 12 turbulent, flamboyant years as New York's boss. He'll not starve on his $26,000-a-year municipal pension. But he'll supplement it with at least $500,000 from a law firm partnership, by making advertisements for a commercial diet plan, writing a weekly newspaper column, hosting a Sunday television show, broadcasting a daily radio commentary, lecturing at New York University at $5,000 a shot, and publishing a book. The ebullient 65-year-old has not a single regret about his time in office. "Because I'm such a powerful personality I gave life back to City Hall. I made it relevant again," he declares.

More incendiary than ever before?



Conor Cruise O'Brien, concluding our series on world trends of the 1990s, on the unresolved disputes that threaten international order

While the world has been watching the immense upheavals in Central and Eastern Europe with mixed reactions and varying predictions for the coming decade, it has been easy to forget the old chronic trouble zones, which of their nature are likely to continue troublesome.

The Arab-Israeli conflict will surely outlast the decade. In the next decade, as in the one now closing, "territory for peace" will remain a mirage. Israel could not evacuate the West Bank and Gaza — and uproot tens of thousands of Jewish settlers — without playing itself into a suicidal civil war.

The Middle East in general will remain a zone of high instability, and of an endemic hostility to the West. This would continue even if Israel were to cease to exist. During the past decade, the main focus of this hostility has been Tehran; in the next decade, the focus might revert to Cairo, where the pro-Western regime is vulnerable.

Throughout South America, Asia and Africa, poverty will continue to generate instability. Unfortunately, George Bush is unlikely to declare a "Sinatra doctrine" for Central America, and he may feel obliged to "rescue" the military oligarchy in El Salvador, who are an uglier lot than any of the fallen despots of Eastern and Central Europe, except the Ceausescus.

If China is again to experience major disturbances, they are unlikely to come in the first half of the decade. The assumption that China and its communist regime must necessarily go the way of the communist regimes in Eastern Europe is fallacious.

The Chinese variety of communism, unlike those others, is a native variety, not one imposed by outsiders, and it has a strong appeal to Chinese nationalism. Chinese villagers, who make up more than 80 per cent of the population, may continue to be unresponsive to any further call from the cities for democracy. When such calls are combined with anti-traditionalist slogans, Chinese conservatives may well wonder whether this democracy is meant to include them. And they are in a majority.

India is headed for trouble, much more clearly than China. Communalism is clearly on the rise, and overt Hindu communalism now has a foothold in the coalition government itself. The decade is likely to see increasing pressure to transform the secular and democratic state into a Hindu state. Many Indians, including most educated ones, will resist that presssure, but it looks as if they will have their work cut out by the end of the decade.

In South Africa, despite the new developments, I doubt whether the De Klerk momentum can be sustained, and black expectations met in the coming decade. The fundamental intractabilities are simply too great.

The trouble spot nearest to home is, I fear, not likely to see peace either. The IRA in Northern Ireland would probably have been able to continue in business throughout the decade without the benefit of Peter Brooke, but the Northern Ireland Secretary's remarks in November about the unbeatable IRA, and his analogy with Cyprus, are sending the IRA into the new decade with higher morale than at any previous point in the 1980s.

These are the intractable problems we know only too well. The next decade is likely to add to them problems in other zones.

Although the appeal of Western Enlightenment values has been spectacularly demonstrated in East and Central Europe in the last months of the 1980s, these values are likely to continue to meet stiff resistance and various challenges during the next 10 years. The challenges will be no longer mainly from communism (itself an aberration of the Enlightenment), but from older, deeper and more fundamentally hostile forces.

In Japan and Germany, the commemoration of national defeat in the Second World War is likely to stimulate nationalism. By the middle of the decade, the dominant idea in both countries will be that it is time to stop apologizing.

Whatever the shapes and forms it may assume, a revival of German and Japanese nationalism is to be expected, especially during the second half of the coming decade. For this reason (and others) I include Germany and Japan on my list of potential new trouble spots of the 1990s, despite their present orderly conduct and calm demeanour. And if they are on the list at all, they have to be at the head of it, because of their tremendous economic power and consequent political potency.

The third potential new trouble spot — or accumulation of trouble spots — is undoubtedly the Soviet Union. By the end of the decade, that grand composite may well have ceased to exist. It is possible that, well before the year 2000, there will be only one element left of the four which make up the present USSR. With "Union", "Soviet" and "Socialist" no longer applicable, all that may be left is a number of independent republics, including a Russian republic.

If such a disintegrating process is to be arrested, Gorbachov will have to make it clear, quite soon, that the "Sinatra doctrine" stops at the borders of the Soviet Union. If the republics feel that they can secede from the Soviet Union with anything like the same degree of impunity as the European countries have enjoyed in their secession from the Soviet empire, then the republics will certainly secede from the Soviet Union.

It is likely that Gorbachov would prefer to allow even this eventuality to the alternative, which is the use of military force against one or more of the republics. For military force would mean the end of the rapprochement with the West that has been Gorbachov's principal achievement so far, and the end of the hopes of economic modernization which rest on that rapprochement.

So Gorbachov and his associates may decide to let go the non-Russians — including the Ukrainians — and content themselves with Great Russia. If so, it is unlikely that they will be left in possession even of this territory for very long, for the principal indigenous forces in Russia are Russian nationalism and the Russian Orthodox Church, and it is not probable that either of them will want much to do with Gorbachov. He will be doubly discredited: first, by the comprehensive failure of communism as an ideology, and second, by the consequent collapse of the Soviet Union.

Post-Gorbachov Russia — which may emerge by the middle of the decade — will be more like Holy Russia than the Russia of Lenin, Stalin, Khrushchev, Brezhnev or even Gorbachov. There will be a great deal of religious triumphalism concerning the victory over atheism. The Church will, as of old, encourage anti-Semitism. *Glasnost* will be phased out for permitting the advocacy of communism. Anti-blasphemy laws will be reintroduced. Solzhenitsyn will return, and ought to feel at home, to judge by some of the things he has written in exile, but probably won't.

Most of the other putative republics — with the probable exception of the Baltic republics — are also likely to be benighted. Central Asia will be covered with Islamic republics of a fundamentalist type, hostile to their non-Muslim residents. Genocide may occur in Armenia.

It would be better if the the Soviet Union were to hold together, growing more enlightened and democratic, under Gorbachov. But I fear that nationalism will not permit it.

Robert Kilroy-Silk

Don't count the democratic chickens yet

Many more tears will be shed before the revolutions in Eastern Europe come to an end. Despite the naively optimistic assumptions of some Western commentators, there is still a very long way to go before liberal, democratic regimes are firmly established in the former Russian satellites.

The immediate Western response to the momentous events in Eastern Europe — relief and jubilation — is understandable. There can be few of us who are not both overwhelmed and overjoyed by the disintegration of the miserable, drab and repressive Russian empire. But it is wrong to assume, as many do, that it is now all over bar the shouting, that it is merely a matter of time, and that we shall soon be one Europe. It is not and we shall not be.

To begin with, the revolutions have not yet ended, as the continued tension in Romania demonstrates. None of the newly liberated countries has yet called, held, and successfully carried out free elections and installed a government chosen by the people; and all history suggests that the immediate future will entail more turmoil and bloodshed than the immediate past.

There is not, after all, any reason why the escape from Marxist-Leninist tyranny to liberty and democracy should be easy and quick. There is no guarantee that it will be. There has never been an occasion on which a dictatorial tyranny has given way peacefully and swiftly to the successful establishment of a pluralist democracy. It did not happen in 19th-century France, nor in 20th-century Russia. It did not occur in the former colonial territories, in Cuba or in the Middle East, to cite but a few obvious examples.

It certainly did not happen in Iran. There were many who believed that it would. They campaigned with sincere enthusiasm for the overthrow of the despised Shah of Persia. I vividly recall the euphoria among the British opposition, as well as among Iranians, when he was toppled. There was triumph in the air. A new dawn was breaking, a new era opening.

And so it turned out to be, but not quite in the way that had been hoped for and expected by the Shah's enemies. Whatever his faults — and they were many and horrendous — they were, by any standards, small compared to those of the criminals who replaced him.

It is not at all unlikely that similar consequences will follow in at least one of the countries or territories currently breaking from the current Russian Marxist yoke. Admittedly those who are leading the revolution — and they, conspicuously, are the young — insist time and again that they are motivated by a desire to be free. They constantly reiterate their demand to be ruled by a government of their choice. They have a clear idea of what they want. They see, here in the West, living, functioning models of the political and economic system they wish to emulate.

This makes for a promising start. They will also, no doubt, be assisted by the receipt of considerable moral, political and economic support from the West. But important as all this is, it will not be sufficient in itself. In the end, the East European countries have to govern themselves and create their own destinies. Why else be free?

But few of them have any memory, let alone tradition, of democratic government to lean upon. And it is, make no mistake, the most difficult of all forms of government. Anyone can govern by terror. Anyone can be a dictator. But it takes great and special skills to run a democracy, and they cannot be acquired overnight. And while they are being learned, by the people as well as their administrators, mistakes will be made.

The material and political expectations that have already been aroused cannot possibly be fulfilled in the short or even medium term. A great deal of patience will be required. If patience is not exercised, the challenge to the government will come quickly.

Moreover, not all of those currently engaged in the politics of the street necessarily believe in Western-style liberal democracy. Presumably some of the communists were sincere, but they cannot all have experienced a sudden and profound conversion. They are simply keeping their heads down, biding their time. It will come. They will be the first to exploit the inevitable setbacks of the new regimes.

But even among the dedicated democrats there will of course be varying interpretations of how best democracy is to be achieved and sustained. They will differ about the values, priorities and objectives of the regime. They are unlikely to have the patience, the skill and the sophistication to be able to work out their problems peacefully; and they certainly lack the necessary entrenched institutions. The arts of conciliation and compromise are difficult to learn, and will not come easy to those raised under tyranny.

In any case, why should we assume that free elections will mean that the nice guys win? They have not always in the past. Some pretty funny characters have managed to get themselves elected in Central and Eastern Europe. Adolf Hitler was electorally popular, and there are plenty of crypto-fascists waiting for their day, and for revenge. These problems are, of course, compounded by the issue of nationalism. There are troublesome times ahead, and many more tears will be shed. All we can hope is that not too many are tears of blood.

How farmers can harvest a new countryside

Alan Woods and John Taylor on unrealized potential in 'set-aside'

The Countryside Commission proposes today in a 10-point plan for the 1990s that full advantage be taken of the unique opportunity agricultural surpluses give us to improve the environment and to return more of the countryside to the public. In fact a mechanism for this already exists in the form of the Government's farming set-aside scheme — but the policy is being rendered ineffective through lack of imagination.

The scheme, which pays farmers £80 an acre annually to take at least 20 per cent of their arable land out of production for five years, is intended to reduce the cereal surpluses. Between 1965 and 1986, the cereal area in England increased by nearly a million acres. The area of permanent grassland fell by 870,000 acres, and that of rough grazings by 274,000 acres.

But these statistics fail to convey the transformation of some of our most beautiful lowland countryside. Over the past 40 years, recorded losses of wildlife habitats have included 40 per cent of lowland heathland; 50 per cent of coastal grazing marshes in south-east England; 50 per cent of lowland fens, valley and basin bogs; 60 per cent of lowland raised bogs; and 80 per cent of lowland chalk or limestone grassland.

Our most cherished landscapes, and their rich communities of birds, plants and butterflies, have changed beyond recognition. Sheepwalks on the Downs, cattle-grazed flood meadows, Dorset heathlands, coastal grazing marshes, and hedgerows throughout lowland Britain have all but succumbed to the expanding arable area. These are losses which set-aside, unlike any other farm policy on offer, can begin to reverse.

Given the scale of the set-aside scheme — 272,000 acres in only the second year — it is not surprising that the Government has taken what may appear an unimaginative approach in order to minimize bureaucracy. Farmers have three options: leave the land fallow, plant trees, or seek non-agricultural uses such as golf courses. Most have opted for the bare minimum, letting the land lie and cutting it once a year, a practice known as "tumbledown".

Criticisms of farmers who are "paid to do nothing", and of set-aside land as unsightly, harbouring weeds, and encouraging housing development, are understandable — especially from a generation not used to seeing fallow land as a normal part of farming rotations. Management can solve these problems, but farmers need encouragement to realize the massive potential that set-aside offers for the enrichment of our landscape and wildlife.

It is easy to argue that, instead of set-aside, we need low-intensity farming or "extensification", keeping all arable land farmed while reducing use of pesticides and fertilizers; but to wildlife, a field of wheat, even grown less intensively, is still a field of wheat. Whatever the intensity of a crop, if it is grown on a footpath it will still obstruct the rambler's right of way.

For bringing real benefits to wildlife and walker alike, there is no alternative to major reversions in land use. To offset the losses of 40 years, we need new areas of heathland, wetland, downland and woodland, not just the same area of arable land under a less intensive regime.

Nor can the needs and aspirations of farmers be ignored. Many of them want to find new land uses which will serve wider purposes than food production alone, and will help to diversify and assure their incomes in these uncertain times. Set-aside offers them a chance to escape the necessity to produce more food merely to combat price cuts.

The way forward must be to encourage farmers with set-aside land to do more than the minimum — by providing incentives for positive environmental management. For example, farmers need encouragement to re-create chalk grassland and heaths where these once existed, to manage fallows to provide habitats for birds which have become rare, to extend field margins to allow our over-trimmed, over-burnt hedges to grow tall, wide and thick, and to provide much-needed land for quiet public enjoyment. Set-aside which does this would bring myriad benefits for wildlife, the landscape and the country-goer alike.

The introduction in East Anglia of a Countryside Premium Scheme by the Department of the Environment is a sign that the Government recognizes the need for environmental management of set-aside land. The modest top-up payments provided by this scheme encourage precisely these desirable types of active management, and farmers are already showing keen interest in these opportunities. The two pairs of one of our rarest birds, the stone-curlew, which nested on set-aside land this year, show that wildlife is already benefiting.

Sir Simon Gourlay, president of the National Farmers' Union, recently called for the Countryside Premium Scheme to be extended to the whole country, and farmers and conservationists should unite to secure this. Also essential if lost habitats are to be restored in the long term is for limited grazing to be allowed on set-aside land. With these changes, set-aside could be a key element in helping farmers to recover past losses of habitats, to diversify their own futures, and to provide a richer countryside for us all.

Set-aside must not be dismissed after a mere 12 months. It is the best opportunity yet to reverse 40 years of environmental loss.

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This is the letter-box talking

ALAN COREN

It being that time of year when folk crouch, like mice, in nests of shredded paper, a notepad on the thigh, a pen in a fist creaking with the aching unfamiliarity of long-hand, to pour out gratitude to one another for pullover and scent, I have decided to sop up this space with a thank-you letter of my own. It is addressed to all those of you who were kind enough to write to me during the twelve-month just gone, and whom, for one reason and another, I haven't managed to reach personally.

These basement premises I time-share with Athos, Porthos and Aramis — I like to think of us as The Four Aftershaves — have much in common with the letter-box itself. The hack huddles in the inner darkness, beadily watching the passing world through his narrow slot and attempting to communicate with it by chucking garbled messages out from time to time; and then, after a bit, messages start coming back, poked in by the solicitous, the disputatious, the puzzled, the helpful, and sometimes, not to put too fine a point on it, the barking mad. All these missives leave us room to leap — for it is not merely a lonely life in here but a totally speculative one. We cannot know who is listening, nor, if they are, who they are; response is all.

How could I, for example, have guessed quite how many students of cheloniology were of your number? I do not even know whether that is the correct name for your trade, but since the only option is tortology and thus a crossword clue I should have been bound to have noticed — "Twice-told reptile study? (9)" — I assume that that is what you do. Anyway, dozens of you sent instructions to me when I incautiously let slip the fact that a sleeping/deceased tortoise had materialized in my shed, with the result that by the time a neighbour four doors up had retrieved her pet and confirmed it was in working nick, I had an entire owner's manual to pass on.

Even greater thanks go to the 14 generous souls, 11 of them from the USA, who went to the great expense and effort of mailing me packets of Reese's Peanut Butter Cups after I banged on about my addiction to what had proved to be unobtainable in Britain. With particular thanks to Mr R.A. Zimmerman, chairman of Hersey Foods, who wrote from Pennsylvania to say that his company was now engaging in a full marketing survey as a possible prelude to introducing them over here. Doubtless, many of you will now write to me shrieking "We shall all drop dead of obesity!", so let me pre-empt my reply with the observation that we shall at least all die with smiles on our fat faces.

More dispiriting, mind, was the huge correspondence from ophthalmologists deeply concerned that I had forked out a twerp's ransom for reading-glasses only because the fly optician whose own eyes were good enough to spot a sap at 200 paces had told me that off-the-peg specs at £14.99 were useless. That they are not, the four pairs that fell through the slot bear ample witness, since any of them will reveal the smallest print on the instructions accompanying the various patent spy-holes which readers dispatched immediately upon learning that my own had disappeared into the innards of my door, thanks to an exclusive new carpentry technique requiring five thumbs on each hand.

To the ornithologist who identified, from the scantest evidence, the bird on my June chimney not as a corncrake but an emu; to the ukulele buff who sent me sketches of where on the myriad frets to place my 10 thumbs so that I could strum *Happy Birthday To Me* by way of thanking my daughter for introducing me to a vast new area of undiscovered ineptitude; to all the freedom fighters who chucked their enthusiastic weight into my battle against the wheelie-bins; to the smart alecs who told me how tall Nelson was (5ft 2, eyes of blue); to the spiritualists who urged me to wait until I'd passed over before scoffing; and to everyone else, my warmest thanks.

As for Mr Herbert G. Geist, who wrote to me from The Polo Club, Boca Raton, Florida, threatening the full force of the law if I did not come round immediately and repair his swimming-pool, I can only say I am not William Issacson of Lang Management. What Mr Issacson got in *his* envelop I cannot guess; but if it was a packet of Reese's, he will, I'm afraid, have to write his own thank-you note.

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PRESIDENTIAL PERFORMANCE

President Bush, like Harry Truman in 1945, took office under the considerable handicap of following in the wake of an exceptionally charismatic politician. The question that dogged him through the presidential election campaign was whether he was his own man, with identifiable qualities, political willpower and a distinctive agenda. At the end of his first year, it has been decisively, and affirmatively, answered.

The 41st President of the United States has had to find his feet in a fast-changing world. He has done so with considerably more success than his critics, and even some of his keenest supporters, expected.

Shortly before the Panama intervention, President Bush felt sufficiently confident in his performance to opine that his Administration had not yet been severely tested. Yet 1989 was a year which compelled all Western politicians, and Americans in particular, to come to terms with the political implications of the "end of the cold war". President Bush had to contend with continuing budget problems and, within the consequent cash constraints, to respond to demands for money to improve education, to fight a "war on drugs", and to support the rebirth of democracy in Eastern Europe.

Mr Bush will not go down in history for his financial generosity to any of these cash-consuming causes, least of all to Poland and Hungary — or to Romania, which this week was promised an initial half-million dollars. His caution may partly be due to temperament; but he has been wise to resist populist pressures to pour money into causes, however just, before policies were in place to ensure that it was productively used.

Domestically, President Bush had an uneasy start. His early attempts to form his Administration at home were frustrated by the Senate's first rejection of a presidential cabinet nominee for 30 years. Because Mr Bush had taken office offering to work with Congress, in a deliberate effort to avoid the confrontations between executive and legislature which had marked his predecessor's terms, the snub to Mr John Tower was a snub to the President too. Since then, however, Mr Bush's touch both with Congress and the public, at home and abroad, has become steadily more certain.

The events of 1989 which most directly concerned the US were the Nato summit in May, the meeting with Mr Gorbachov in Malta early in December and the assault on Panama three weeks later. In the dramas sweeping Central and Eastern Europe, the US held a prominent ringside seat, but not the ring.

That fostered the impression that the President was slow to come to terms with his leadership of a superpower. At first his critics accused him of floundering, and even his friends complained of sloth within the White House. His initial response to the awakening of Eastern Europe was a series of futile bureaucratic study groups. By May, only his cleverly constructed formula to cut US troops in Europe and to compromise on the replacement of the Lance short-range nuclear missile preserved the cohesion of the Nato alliance.

The presence of a natural diplomat at the White House has since then begun to pay dividends. The US has made considerable progress in remodelling its relationship with Europe, evolving a "new architecture" which acknowledges that the US cannot bring to the task the overwhelming military and financial resources it deployed in Europe's last great period of turmoil in 1945, but stakes out clearly the US claim to be centrally involved.

The President's tendency to support any form of European integration, no matter how bureaucratic and unaccountable to European electors, is still an obstacle for British diplomacy to overcome. The point of cardinal importance, however, is that he has demonstrated his active concern with European affairs, ending a period in which the US was widely perceived to be shifting the focus of its attention to the Pacific region.

At the Malta summit, President Bush placed himself four-square in support of *perestroika* and US-Soviet responsibility to ensure peaceful change. This required political courage: the strength of conservative objections to a policy of East-West accommodation accounted for early hesitation in defining the US position with regard to President Gorbachov's reforms.

Right-wing critics have been mollified in turn by the invasion of Panama — following a much-criticized failure to support an earlier indigenous coup against General Noriega. President Bush's most notable hallmark, however, has been his refusal to bow to the inevitable pressures to "prove himself" through dramatic gestures. Flexibility and caution may not be the qualities Americans had come to expect of their President, but Mr Bush's high standing in the polls vindicates his fidelity to them.

TREK TO THE FUTURE

The winds of change which toppled the communist order in Eastern Europe and reshaped the world's political landscape blew steadily, if at somewhat less than hurricane force, in southern Africa in 1989. They were strong enough to end two decades of war in Namibia, launching Africa's last colony on the road to final independence, and to bring the promise of peace to two countries devastated by brutal civil war — Angola and Mozambique.

The outbreak of peace owed much to the changing superpower relationship and to a subsequent loss of Soviet and American interest in Africa as a theatre for confrontation through surrogates. If peace was the first fruit of that loss of interest, however, the waning of superpower rivalry holds a hidden threat for sub-Saharan Africa in the decade to come.

As the region, whose relentless decline was damningly chronicled in a recent World Bank report, becomes ever more marginal to superpower concerns, its ability to extract arms, alms, or development aid from a distracted world will be severely curtailed. That is why some African leaders are beginning to look south to the one country with the resources, skills and, above all, the interest to help their economies join the modern world.

The door to South Africa's full constructive involvement in the region is however barred as long as it can be categorized as the apartheid state. And it is here that the seeds of change planted in 1989 — while appearing less than momentous to a world impatient for a quick political fix — could soon produce a completely altered landscape.

South Africa began the year in the frozen grip of an old, embittered and instransigent autocrat. It ends it under a younger, flexible leader who has not been content simply to tinker with the apartheid structure. He has not only curbed the formidable power of the security establishment and set out to control the repressive habits of the police. By tolerating mass protest for the first time in 40 years and releasing prominent black political leaders, Mr F. W. de Klerk has effectively unbanned the African National Congress. He has thus compelled black politicians more accustomed to boycott, rhetoric and street theatre to think strategically and to seek unity within their own divided ranks.

These have been high-risk policies in domestic South African terms — not least because for the first time in more than four decades of Nationalist rule, a Nationalist leader appeared willing to ignore the resentments and fears of the white right. Having successfully tested the water of black dissent and white tolerance, Mr de Klerk now appears ready, probably in his speech at the opening of Parliament in February, to annouce the next inevitable step: the release of Mr Nelson Mandela.

That is indispensable to the opening of serious negotiations. Mr Mandela is the only man who, despite attempts in some radical quarters to demythologize him, can hold the ring of the divided black opposition and deal with Pretoria from a position of authority. The most difficult steps remain to be taken. The pace of events has quickened, but there will be prolonged talks about talks before the key issue, who will rule South Africa, can be confronted.

There are still too many black politicians who believe that "people power" will topple the white citadel without the need for negotiation. There are also too many whites — and Mr de Klerk is still one of their number — who cling to the concept of "group rights" as the basis for yet another bizarre constitutional attempt to square the South African circle and share power without losing it.

There can, however, be little doubt that 1989 set the scene for the last act in the South African drama. How it ends — in conflict or in conference, in a true non-racial multi-party democracy or in yet another African experiment with discredited Marxist theories — will mean the difference between tragedy and hope, not merely for South Africa's own people but for all the countries of the subcontinent.

UNFAIR GAME

The Government's confirmation that it is to make the possession of anabolic steroids, without a medical prescription, a criminal offence is a decisive step against cheating in sport. It will also counter a growing social problem. The muscle-building hormone drugs have become widely available in Britain, used not only by sportsmen but by growing numbers of body-builders, who find that they help them recover more quickly from intensive exercise.

There has been, as we have repeatedly pointed out, a substantial increase in trafficking in these drugs, which supply a growing black market. The operators and subsidiary dealers in this market are often involved in other crimes. Britain has also become a staging-post; substances are imported from the Continent and re-exported to the United States. The task of Government investigators will be greatly eased by the proposed legislation. Under the 1968 Medicines Act, they were able to prosecute dealers only for selling drugs, not for possessing them. Sales were often difficult to prove.

Anabolic steroids can have severe side-effects when taken in high dosages and without medical supervision. Some leading sportsmen and body-builders consume them in quantities far in excess of the doses medically prescribed for underweight or undernourished people.

There have been illnesses and even deaths among competitors, both in Britain and abroad. Last week, we reported findings in the US that abuse could produce paranoid delusions, increased aggression and violent outbursts, sometimes leading to murder. American policemen, who have taken these drugs to aid their weight-training, are among those convicted for violent crimes.

The Government is to be commended on acting before the problem, widespread in the United States, becomes even more pronounced here. In the US, where legal subscriptions are worth only $10 million a year, the black market is estimated at $500 million; yet the US Senate is only now considering legislation similar to that proposed by the Government. Legislation is urgent because on both sides of the Atlantic, anabolic steroids have become particularly popular among the young. American academic surveys suggest that up to 500,000 adolescents are now using or have used them.

The Home Office originally supported the proposal to make the possession of hormone drugs a criminal offence. Over the last 15 months, it has hesitated. It has needed pressure from many quarters, particularly Mr Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, and Mr Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrats' spokesman on sport, to put it firmly en route to the statute book. They have done an important service.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tory split over Hong Kong

From Sir David Lane

Sir, It is sad to see Mr Tebbit reacting to the Hong Kong crisis (report, December 22) with the same negative attitude which some of us, who were then his Conservative parliamentary colleagues, remember him adopting on immigration and race relations in the early 1970s.

By its offer of an "if the worst comes to the worst" guarantee, the Government is rightly intent on honouring our obligation to the people of Hong Kong, as we did to the Uganda Asians.

This country, particularly the younger generations, is steadily and on the whole successfully completing the transition to a society that includes substantial ethnic minority communities permanently settled in Britain. Increasingly, these minorities, not least the Uganda Asians, make a positive and valuable contribution to our national life.

So, surely, will any of the Hong Kong people who, if the worst happens, may be driven to come here as a refuge of last resort. Recent opinion surveys suggest that most of the British public favour a generous response to Hong Kong's present predicament.

Xenophobia is not conducive to good government or worthy of a great party. I hope that, when legislation is introduced, an overwhelming majority of Conservative MPs will support the Government.

Yours truly,
DAVID LANE
(Chairman, Commission for Racial Equality, 1977-82),
5 Spinney Drive,
Great Shelford,
Cambridgeshire.
December 22.

An Ulster parallel

From Mr A. J. Forbes

Sir, As the 1990s approach the British Government would appear to face two main Foreign Office problems, namely that of Northern Ireland and Hong Kong.

The Government has argued that the Anglo-Irish Agreement would bring peace and stability to Northern Ireland but after four years nothing could be further from the truth. The Anglo-Irish Agreement cannot work and will not be allowed to work by the Unionist majority. The Government must bury the Agreement and tackle the root of the problem in Ulster — i.e., terrorism.

Terrorism thrives in areas of high unemployment and social deprivation. It can therefore be attacked on one front by creating employment and improving the standard of living within Northern Ireland.

This is where Hong Kong comes into the equation. As a British citizen living in Northern Ireland I would personally welcome an influx of Hong Kong citizens to Northern Ireland. The Hong Kong people possess a culture with a strong work ethic.

This solution has two advantages. Firstly, it will create jobs and increase the standard of living within Northern Ireland and hence in theory reduce terrorist activities. Secondly, it will enable Hong Kong citizens to live in the United Kingdom and thus provide them with a launching pad into the single European market in 1992.

Yours faithfully,
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1 Atlantic Avenue,
Portrush, Co. Antrim,
Northern Ireland.
December 27.

Slower driving

From Mr Warren R. Greatrex

Sir, May I suggest one way to make some drivers go slow (letters, December 13). I understand that a large proportion of automobiles being operated in Britain are "company-owned", i.e., not owned by the drivers.

In Canada some commercial vehicles bear, above the rear registration plate, words to this effect:

Name of company. If this vehicle is not being driven responsibly please call (telephone number).

If all automobiles registered in a company's name were to be required to carry, above their rear registration plate, just the company name and telephone number, there might well be a prompt decrease in speeding. But to be fair, even company directors' cars must be included. There would be other benefits — such cars driven properly would enhance their companies' reputations.

Yours truly,
W. R. GREATREX,
The Highlands, Great Doward,
Symonds Yat,
Herefordshire.

Reflections on a dictator's death

From Sir Andrew Gilchrist

Sir, Can we be sure that the euphoria with which most of us have greeted events in Eastern Europe, culminating in the death of the Ceausescus, is a wise and correct political reaction? That what we are applauding is so much the best thing that has happened since the French Revolution? *Better* than the French Revolution, because of the astonishing prevalence of peace and good will and of non-violent demonstrations, with the Poles (of all people) giving the world lessons in statesmanship?

We might remember that the French Revolution also began with a high degree of peace and good will; it took several months to produce the Bastille mob. A demonstration which gets out of control is a mob. A mob succeeds in its purposes or is defeated by violence; at the back of any government's mind there is always Napoleon's whiff of grapeshot and Kipling's advice to "send for the guns and kill".

Whichever side wins in the first violent confrontation, the outcome will alarm and unsettle powerful interests abroad and may all too easily lead to overt or covert intervention, with predictable escalation.

I do not suggest that in Romania we have reached the Bastille stage: such stages are mostly identifiable only in retrospect. And yet Europe is without any doubt a more dangerous place to live in than it was when the East Germans first danced in the streets of West Berlin. We should look carefully to our own interests and avoid mindless dancing.

It would be foolish and wrong to criticise the brave Romanian demonstrators, who did not — at first — realise they were staking their lives. But we ought to avoid any enthusiastic and premature ideological involvement which might cause us to stake ours.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW GILCHRIST,
Arthur's Crag,
Hazelbank, by Lanark.
December 26.

From Mr Kodwo Grey-Mills

Sir, Recent events in Romania must have come as a shock to most African leaders who once held Ceausescu in high esteem for his active participation in the non-aligned movement.

It was to Romania that Kwame Nkrumah was flown for treatment of a rare skin disease from which he died in 1972. While in power Nkrumah had relied heavily on Ceausescu, politically and economically, and it was from Romania that he borrowed the idea of establishing corporations to run his country's industry.

Many other Third World leaders looked up to Ceausescu for political direction and moral support in the fight against "imperialism" and for Romania's offers of scholarships and cultural exchanges.

Now that Ceausescu's mask of good leadership, and of freedom and prosperity for the Romanians, has been rent asunder it is up to African leaders to reassess the virtues of Marxism-Leninism as an economic and political panacea for all the ills of the Third World.

Yours etc.,
KODWO GREY-MILLS,
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December 26.

From Mr Piers Dixon

Sir, In your leading article of December 19 you attribute "Let them hate, so long as they fear" to the Emperor Caligula, to whom you compare President Ceausescu. Yesterday the *Financial Times* compared Ceausescu to Noriega — "a pock-marked Caligula".

What was so awful about poor Caligula? He was just a slightly dotty emperor, who made his horse a consul. And he didn't even say "*Oderint dum metuant*": those words were quoted by Cicero (who died 55 years before Caligula was born) from an attribution by the poet, Accius, to Atreus, father of Agamemnon.

Yours faithfully,
PIERS DIXON,
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December 22.

From Mr Ian Flintoff

Sir, I share Bernard Levin's hope and faith in the flame of freedom which burns in all of us ("Spark that became a furnace", December 26). Nevertheless it still may cast a dark shadow. The secret trial and the secret shooting of the Ceausescus is surely the very sort of thing which the uprising was intended to eliminate. The murder of murderers remains murder.

Yours faithfully,
IAN FLINTOFF,
22 Chaldon Road, SW6.
December 26.

Conveyancing costs

From the Chairman of the Society of Licensed Conveyancers

Sir, Mr Wilson Goad (December 20) has drawn attention to the pretence that institutionalised conveyancing could make this legal process cheaper.

The abolition of advertising restrictions on solicitors in 1985, and the creation in 1987 of the specialist profession of licensed conveyancer, with its statutory duty to provide economical and efficient services to the public, have had the effect of reducing the price of domestic conveyancing services to the lowest in the Western world.

Without breaching the restrictions on cross-subsidisation the banks, building societies, and estate agents could not provide a cheaper service without compromising consumer protection.

Yours faithfully,
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Croydon, Surrey.
December 20.

Nevis concern

From Mr Roger Henderson, QC

Sir, Your article on Nevis (Travel, December 16) reveals a keen interest in its attractions and its welfare. The concern for its inhabitants by large companies here in Britain in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo was exemplary.

I hope that you may find space in your columns for me to pay tribute to them. A few telephone calls to Meyer International plc produced an offer by them to supply 20 tonnes of plywood and chipboard, vital materials for reconstructing the many destroyed and damaged homes. The same generosity was forthcoming from British Steel plc, who offered to supply over 3,000 metres length of galvanised corrugated iron, needed for roofing.

Having secured these offers with assistance from Oxfam, Geest plc is shipping the 30 or so tonnes of supplies to Nevis over Christmas, once again the transport is being provided free of charge.

Yours sincerely,
ROGER HENDERSON,
9 Brunswick Gardens, W8.

Clarity of language

From Sir Frederick Lawton

Sir, The need for lawyers to have a rigorous mastery of language and to be able to apply the rules of grammar, as Mr John Laws suggests (December 22), is shown by the following incident which occurred in the Court of Appeal a few years ago.

Counsel, a QC, who had been at school in the 1950s, was submitting that a section of the Companies Act 1948 contained an ambiguity which should be resolved in favour of his client.

On a quick reading of the section there did seem to be an ambiguity. One of my colleagues, who had been in college at Winchester, whispered to me that on the correct grammatical construction of the section there was no ambiguity. My other colleague, who had been at Eton, agreed.

I then said to counsel: "Parse it". There was silence. I repeated my request. After a pause he said: "I don't understand what you mean by parsing."

All my contemporaries at my grammar school in the 1920s would have known what parsing meant and most of them would have seen that there was no ambiguity in the section.

Yours truly,
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Skelton,
York.
December 22.

Postal delays

From Mr David Buchanan

Sir, Could it be that the sorting inaccuracies mentioned and listed in Professor Balchin's letter (December 15) might possibly be due to the misinterpretation of the postal code on handwritten envelopes due to its unfortunate combination of letters and numerals? Q can so easily be misread for O, 2 for Z, 5 for S.

Indeed, I have been known to misread my own handwriting when transferring a hastily written postal code from address book to envelope.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BUCHANAN,
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Riverside Drive,
Clun, Craven Arms,
Shropshire.

Food safety and fridge design

From Dr R. Fraser Williams

Sir, As a practising medical microbiologist, I am appalled by the dangerous inefficiency of many domestic refrigerators. For many years, design has hardly progressed beyond use of smaller motors with cosmetic cabinet modifications; the modern domestic refrigerator is still only a cool (or coolish) cupboard which often performs scarcely better than the cool Victorian larder.

My own recent survey of both brand new and older refrigators in hospital ward kitchens reveals internal cabinet temperatures of 8ºC to 15ºC and even up to 18ºC, which is barely below ambient room temperature. Bacteria of the *Listeria* species can multiply actively above 3.5ºC.

My hospital's policy for refrigerator usage is stringent. Casual tampering with controls is forbidden, no food may be stored in ward refrigerators for longer than 12 hours. This policy is reinforced by regular lectures on food hygiene; all ward staff members are educated to the dangers of infected food.

It is the refrigerators themselves which are not up to their task. Ward refrigerators are subject to heavy use; doors are opened frequently with successive losses of cold air. The same situation applies within the home during periods of increased food consumption, such as Christmas and new year.

A safe domestic food storage refrigerator should maintain a steady temperature of 3ºC or less. It should offer fan-assisted cooling, activated both thermostatically and by door closure, automatic defrosting and an externally visible thermometer recording internal cabinet temperature. The cabinet should be subdivided by transparent doors in such a way that access to frequently-required food does not result in massive spillage of cold air.

British food safety criteria are still disgracefully lax. If refrigerators which are constantly monitored and skilfully maintained in hospital wards cannot perform satisfactorily, how inefficient are those in the home? The housewife usually takes reliability on trust; her confidence may well be misplaced.

Yours faithfully,
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December 27.

National parks

From Mrs R. Colyer

Sir, The map in your issue of December 9 accompanying the report on national parks shows a large "parkless" area in the South and South-east. Is it not time that the principle of scheduling beautiful areas be changed so as to include the best landscapes, even if not outstandingly beautiful, in highly-populated areas? Many people live a long way from a national park and cannot afford the cost and time to enjoy distant parks.

Once scheduled, such local areas could be made more beautiful by tree-planting, the creation of ponds, and the sowing of wild flowers on areas previously ploughed.

The right to wander over such local areas is now extra valuable since increased traffic has made even country lanes dangerous.

Yours faithfully,
R. COLYER,
Orchardene, Shillingstone,
Blandford, Dorset.

Satisfied passenger

From Dr Peter Mooney

Sir, I am a visitor to this country from Malaysia. On December 13 I was returning from Folkestone to London. Inadvertently I left on the station platform a small bag containing my passport, return air ticket, a train ticket to Scotland, cash in various currencies, my cheque book, driving licence, and other personal papers and various small but valuable items.

Upon arrival at Charing Cross Station I went to the information booth and informed the young man there of my loss. He immediately telephoned Folkestone and after inquiry informed me that my bag had been found and was being sent to Charing Cross by the next train up.

In due course it arrived and I collected it. The contents were completely intact.

Yours truly,
PETER MOONEY,
As from: 1 Lorong 5/41A,
Petaling Jaya,
Malaysia.
December 17.

Retail competition

From Mr Michael Rubinstein

Sir, There is no reason why Richard D. Orage, President of the British Association of Toy Retailers (December 20), should understand why the Net Book Agreement (NBA) was exempted from the general abolition of retail price maintenance, if he is not interested in reading books other than best sellers. Most of those who buy toys are concerned only that the ultimate consumers, the children for whom they are intended, shall be gratified, entertained and occupied.

Books feed minds, and their variety to meet and challenge interests essentially extends beyond the market for best sellers and pulp novels from which big book stores would expect to benefit if the NBA were abolished. There is no substitute for a book wanted or, it may be, needed for its particular content; seldom will any alternative title satisfy a need. Toys do not generally share this unique quality.

A loss to the cultural life of the nation is at stake. The analogy with toys is false and misleading because it is made, evidently, in ignorance of the detailed reasoning which led the Restrictive Practices Court to recognise that, in the public interest, "books are different". The differences extend behind and beyond the retail market to publishers and to the writers of every unique work that some members of the public, perhaps never more than a few thousand purchasers but many more readers through library borrowing, may need.

Let us hope that Mr Orage is wrong in referring to the probable collapse of the NBA since it is not only the survival of the independent bookseller which is a stake, but, by chain reaction, the commercial viability and therefore production of books of merit which will never appear without the NBA.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL RUBINSTEIN,
2 Raymond Buildings,
Grays Inn, WC1.
December 21.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (01)782 5046.

Presents indicative?

From Mr Anthony Hore

Sir, In anticipation of tomorrow's trade figures may I submit the following list of presents received by my family at Christmas: a sweater, made in Norway; waterproof trousers, made in China; a satin slip, made in Switzerland; a metal tape measure, made in France; compact discs, made in West Germany; a fishpoacher, made in Taiwan; a pocket dictating machine, made in Austria; and a calendar, published in New York and printed in West Germany.

Even a book published by the British Museum was printed and bound in Italy.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY HORE,
Lane End, Hookley Lane,
Elstead, Surrey.
December 28.

SOCIAL NEWS

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will pay a state visit to Iceland from June 25 to 27, 1990.

The Earl of Drogheda

The funeral of the late Earl of Drogheda will take place in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, at 12 noon on Friday, January 5. It is regretted that no parking will be available in the Castle. Will those intending to be present please notify the Chapter Clerk on 0753 865538. Plans for a memorial concert will be announced later.

Birthdays today

June Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, 76; Sir Richard Beaumont, diplomat, 77; Lord Beaverbrook, 38; Mr John Connell, former president, Distillers Company, 65; Mr Bernard Cribbins, actor, 61; General Sir Robert Ford, 66; Professor L.C.B. Gower, former vice-chancellor, Southampton University, 76; Mr David Hall, Chief Constable of Humberside, 59; Sir Simon Hornby, chairman, W.H. Smith, 55; Mr Gilbert Hunt, company chairman, 75; Mr G.H. Newsom, QC, 80; Dr Magnus Pyke, nutritionist and broadcaster, 81; the Right Rev Mark Santer, Bishop of Birmingham, 53; Sir Kenneth Sharp, accountant, 63; Mr Harvey Smith, showjumper, 51; Mr Jon Voight, actor, 51; Sir Edward Williams, former commissioner-general, Expo 88, Brisbane, 68.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Andrew Johnson, 17th president of the US 1865-69, Raleigh, North Carolina, 1808; William Ewart Gladstone, prime minister, 1868-74, 1880-85, 1886, 1892-94, Liverpool, 1809; Pablo Casals, cellist, Vendrelli, Spain, 1876.

DEATHS: Thomas à Becket, murdered in Canterbury Cathedral, 1170; Thomas Sydenham, physician, London, 1689; Jacques-Louis David, painter, Brussels, 1825; Charles Lamb, Edmonton, Middlesex, 1834; Christina Rossetti, poet, London, 1894; Rainer Maria Rilke, poet, Valmont, Switzerland, 1926; Maurice Harold Macmillan 1st Earl of Stockton, prime minister 1957-63, 1986.

Dinner

Maccabaeans

Sir Alan Marre, President of the Maccabaeans, presided at the annual Chanukah dinner held last night at the Basil Street Hotel. Dr Stuart Carne and the Hon Nicholas Serota, Director of the Tate Gallery, were the guests of honour. Mr Jack Wolkind also spoke.

Appointments

Sir John Woodcock to be Chief Inspector of Constabulary. Mr Geoffrey Dear, Chief Constable of the West Midlands, and Mr Trefor Morris, Chief Constable of Hertfordshire, to be Inspectors of Constabulary.

SCIENCE REPORT

New look at the old school

Many animals threatened by predators, from schooling fish to herding antelope, seem to obey the principle of "safety in numbers".

In the early 1970s, William Hamilton of the University of Oxford applied some simple mathematics to show how a group of prey animals, each trying to save its own skin, would aggregate. According to his "selfish herd" theory, if predators simply attack the nearest prey, then each prey animal could protect itself by hiding behind its compatriots. The end result is a herd where the unfortunates at the edge of the herd suffer worse from predation.

But some new research, published in the December edition of *Animal Behaviour* (vol 38, pp 1048-1053), shows that the natural situation may be more complicated than Hamilton suggested.

Julia Parrish, currently at the University of California at Los Angeles, has been looking at the risks run by schools of Atlantic silversides (*Menidia menidia*) from predation by black seabass (*Centropristis striata*).

She exposed groups of 25 silversides to single seabass in a large tank of seawater, and counted the number of attacks received by fish occupying different positions in the school over four hours. "Central" fish (up to eight, in any school) were defined as those surrounded on all sides by other ("peripheral") school members, and "stragglers" were any fish more than three body lengths away from the school.

Membership of a school was clearly an advantage: stragglers were 50 times more likely to be attacked than schooling fish. Not surprisingly, few fish opted to "go it alone" as the experiment proceeded.

But when Parrish looked at attacks on central versus peripheral school members, the results were directly opposite to Hamilton's predictions. Seabass attacked the centre of the school more often, and given that there were always more peripheral fish than central ones, each central fish was much more likely to be attacked than one on the periphery. Luckily for the silversides, very few (11 out of 1164) of the seabass attacks actually ended in a successful capture, but it seems reasonable to assume that the differences accurately reflect different risks of death from predation for central and peripheral fish.

Parrish believes that Hamilton's model does not hold for silversides under attack from seabass, because the "selfish herd" model does not account for the vagaries of predator behaviour. The seabass did not pick off the nearest available fish (although other predators probably do adopt this simple strategy), but instead rushed into the centre of a school, splitting it in two and turning on one of the fleeing sub-groups.

Even within the black seabass, there were two distinct predatory strategies: "launchers", which mostly sat on the bottom of the tank and attacked the school from below, and "passers", which mostly swam and attacked from mid-water. The relative risk faced by central and peripheral fish varied depending on whether they were attacked by a passer or a launcher, although central fish were always worse off.

If central positions are more dangerous, one might expect silversides' schools to be hollow spheres. That way, no fish would occupy the risky centre. Researchers are at a loss to explain why this does not seem to be true in nature.

Even if schooling fish could co-ordinate swimming in such a complex formation, central positions in large schools may be safer than in small schools, simply by weight of numbers (in a large school, there are relatively more fish in the middle than round the edge). Joining in a school, even in a central position, may still be a useful general response to attack by a predator.

Hamilton's simple model does not explain why silversides form schools in the first place, although schooling obviously confers some protection against predation, given the much higher risk faced by stragglers. Parrish's experiment did not address any alternatives to Hamilton's ideas, but there are plenty of contenders.

Predators may simply be confused when attacking a group, and have difficulty "locking on" to any one prey animal. A school may also be able to spot an approaching predator earlier than a single fish, and take evasive action, simply through having more eyes available for the task.

Peter Aldhous

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Prince Edward joins rehearsals

TED BATH

Prince Edward at rehearsals in North Westminster School yesterday of Brecht's *Caucasian Chalk Circle*, a National Youth Music Theatre production at Sadler's Wells. The Prince is President of National Youth Music Theatre.

Church appointments

Appointments

The Rev Ann Mackenzie, Assistant Curate, All Saints, Normanton, diocese Wakefield: to be Assistant Curate, St Mary's, Bletchley, diocese Oxford.

The Rev Geoffrey A Neale, Vicar, Horncastle, diocese Lincoln: to be Vicar, Brigg, same diocese.

The Rev George Parrott, Rector, Withern, diocese Lincoln: to be Vicar, Messingham w East Butterwick, same diocese.

The Rev Lawrence R Pizzey, Priest-in-charge, Acton All Saints, w Great Waldingfield St Lawrence, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: to the living of Acton All Saints, w Great Waldingfield St Lawrence, same diocese (suspension of presentation having been lifted).

The Rev Michael G Price, Assistant Curate, St Philip w St Stephen, Salford, diocese Manchester: to be Rector, The Good Shepherd, Manchester, same diocese.

The Rev Anthony Priddis, Priest-in-charge, Amersham St Mary, diocese Oxford: to be the Incumbent, Amersham St Mary, same diocese.

The Rev Ian Robinson, Assistant Curate, Riddings, Bottesford w Ashby team ministry, Scunthorpe, diocese Lincoln: to be Team Vicar in the Bottesford w Ashby team ministry, same diocese.

The Rev Thomas H Robinson, Deputy Chaplain General, Army (retired): to be Team Rector, Cleethorpes team ministry, diocese Lincoln.

The Rev Michael J Stokes, Assistant Chaplain-in-Chief, RAF: to be Vicar, Great Chesterton w Wendlebury and Middleton Stoney, diocese Oxford.

The Rev Noel A W Stone, Rector, North Witham, diocese Lincoln: to be *also* Rural Dean of Bletisloe, same diocese.

The Rev Julian C Sullivan, Assistant Curate, St Cuthbert's, Wells, diocese Bath and Wells: to be Vicar, St Barnabas, w St Mary, Sheffield, diocese Sheffield.

The Rev Jeremy J E Sutton, Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity and St Luke, Northwich, diocese Chester: to be Team Vicar, Priory parish, Birkenhead.

The Rev Geoffrey J H B M Van Der Weegen, Vicar, Brockley, diocese Southwark: to be Rector, Stonesfield w Combe, diocese Oxford.

The Rev Robert Ward, Curate, Horfield, Bristol, diocese Bristol: to be Curate, St James New Bradwell, Milton Keynes, diocese Oxford.

The Rev Dennis G S Winter, Vicar, St Andrew, Paddock Wood, and Rural Dean of Tonbridge, diocese Rochester: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev W John Womersley, Assistant Curate, The Marden Hill group, diocese Lincoln: to be Chaplain, St James School, Grimsby, same diocese.

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Michael Belham, Rector, Broughton w North Newington and Shutford, diocese Oxford: to retire at the end of January 1990.

The Rev David A G H Davies, Rector, St Mary's, Stamford, diocese Lincoln: to retire in July 1990.

The Rev David A Hughes, Rector, the united benefice of Graffoe, diocese Lincoln: to retire on June 27 1990.

The Rev Stanley K Reynolds, Priest-in-charge, Burghwallis w Skelbrooke, diocese Sheffield: retired on November 30.

Church of Scotland

Appointments

Ordinations and inductions:

The Rev Ian B Groves to Inverurie West.

Translations:

The Rev William T Cullen from Cowie linked with Plean to St John's Onthank, Kilmarnock; the Rev Charles A Leggat from Townhead, Coatbridge to Craigiebank, Dundee.

Retirements

The Rev William D R Cattanach from Geneva; the Rev James Millar from Shawlands Old, Glasgow; the Rev W Derek Scott from Maud linked with Savoch; the Rev George L Edington from Tayport; the Rev Andrew Y Howe from Rosskeen; the Rev Robert Currie from Community Minister, Glasgow.

The Forces

The Army

BRIGADIERS: C A Brown – To be Comd 2 Sig Bde, Jan 9; P A Chambers – To be Comd Supply HQ 1(BR) Corps, Jan 3; P A Little – To be DMAC MOD, Jan 3.

COLONELS: M R Stephenson – To Sch of Sigs, Jan 6; J W F Sweeting – To HQ ElnC(A), Jan 3; M L Ward – To be CO & Regt PMR RPO Glasgow, Jan 3.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: J G Barber RE – To MOD, Jan 3; C W J Dawson T GR – To LEAD, Jan 3; A Fraser RCT – To Mod, Jan 3; M A Grant Haworth KINGS – To MOD, Jan 2; J R Hawkins RAOC – To Mod, Jan 2; G P Kerruish RRW – To be CO 1 RRW, Jan 2; N H Saunders RA – To MOD, Jan 3; K J A Lawton 4/7 DG – To RAC Centre, Jan 2; C W Pinnell REME – To be CO Bristol Univ OTC, Jan 6; M H Philp LI – To HQ BFFI, Jan 6; J S W Powell GREEN HOWARDS – To RCDS, Jan 1; A R Redwood-Davies DWR – To MOD, Jan 3; D E Roe RH – To be Comdt Army Sch of PT & Dep APTC, Jan 2; P B Rogers RMO/R – To be CO RHG/D, Jan 3; M J Roycroft RAOC – To be CO Ord Svcs BERLIN, Jan 3; F R Steer RAOC – To MOD, Jan 3; J F L Weeks LI – To MOD, Jan 2; D G Willis 7 GR – To Staff College, Jan 2.

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAINS: J B Hill – To Indian National Defence College, Dec 27; P D Markey – To RCDS; M D Smart – To RCDS; R M Scott – To RCDS; R H Thrower – To RCDS; J R Day – To RCDS; M P Donaldson – To RCDS; P H Eustace – To RCDS; R H Goodall – To RCDS; T G Porch – To RCDS; M A Bennett – To RCDS; P J Gooding – To RAF Linton-on-Ouse; T C Willbond – to HQSTC.

WING COMMANDERS: A Davis – To SC Bracknell, Jan 2; P A Gallandere – To RAF Neatishead, Jan 2; C G Meaklin – To RAE Farnborough, Jan 2; J Sewell – To RAF Coll Cranwell, Jan 2; R A Wright – To MOD APD, Jan 6; D I Lewis – To MOD PE, Jan 2; F G Hitchcock – To MOD CVE, Jan 6; B Sidebotham – To HQNATS, Jan 6; J C Jarrott – To RAF Cranwell, Jan 6.

Cranwell graduations

Air Vice-Marshal J Morris, Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, was the reviewing officer at the graduation of 107 officers of no 121 initial officer training course and 8 officers of no 233 specialist entrant and re-entrant course from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell on December 21.

Prize-winners

Sword of Merit: Pilot Officer C N J Maunder; Hennessy Trophy and Philip Sassoon Memorial Prize: Flying Officer A Palmer; British Aircraft Corporation Trophy: Flying Officer D K Lord; Group Captain Williams Memorial Trophy: Flight Lieutenant C J Eady.

Graduating officers on no 121 initial officer training course

General Duties Branch – Pilot

Flying Officers A J Potter; D J Hamilton; Pilot Officers D U Thombs BEd; M C Bradshaw BSc; N Wood BA; R J Flynn BSc; A Barr BSc; A B Miller; S J Dean BSc; P N Cracroft BEng; P B Shakespeare BEng; R D Grant BEng; J G Gladston BEng; M Chown BEng; S E Reade LLB; C N J Maunder BEng; Acting Pilot Officers G E W House; A P Luckhurst; J H Owen; M C L Price; J R Hawker; A J Luggar; C N Sheardown; D N Maddeton; A R Burrows.

General Duties Branch – Navigator

Flying Officer D W Gauntlett; Pilot Officers J H Booth BEng; C C Pope BSc; R F Miliman BSc; S M Aspden BSc; R G Deboys BSc; P A Kendall BSc ARCS; P E Shears BSc; Acting Pilot Officers A R Alden; C D Barratt; G R Lock.

General Duties Branch – Air Electronics Officer

Flying Officers T P Carter; D K Lord.

General Duties Branch – Air Load Master

Flying Officer A Palmer.

General Duties (Ground) Branch – Air Traffic Control

Flying Officer A W Riches MA; Pilot Officers D G Grant GRNCM; P Dorsett; Acting Pilot Officers A J Barclay; K L Pyott WRAF; A Williams WRAF.

General Duties (Ground) Branch – Fighter Control

Pilot Officer J C Sharp BSc; Acting Pilot Officers P A Lambe; P J Heath; E C Parsonage WRAF.

Photographic Interpretation Branch

Flying Officer T G Slater

Engineer Branch

Flight Lieutenants J Mitchell BEng; J A Stewart BEng; M G T Cox BEng; K E Jarvis BEng; C J Eady BSc; B R Evans BEng; Flying Officers P J O'Callaghan; G S Studley; J C Poulton; A R Maclennan; S A Jones; P R Dawkins BEng; C B Marvell BEng; M I Barber BEng AMIEE; J C Peacock; A J Pipe; J Barton; M N Anderson BSc; G S Dalton; P Gibbs; I J Taylor BEng; A J Knight; G B Wride; K D Shelley; C A Shelton-Smith BEng; Pilot Officers M J Timoney BSc; D J Rowland BEng; M A Partridge; N Watson BSc; A J S Morris BSc; K M Whitbread BEng; G A Dawes BEng; A K Hewitt BEng; E A Drinkall BEng.

Supply Branch

Flying Officers C E Doe; K S Jones.

Administrative Branch – Secretarial

Flying Officer S M Beanlands; Pilot Officer C Lee BA; Acting Pilot Officers R K W Macdonald; S K Parkes; J D Bush WRAF.

Administrative Branch – Education

Flight Lieutenant L W Gamble BSc; Flying Officers P Burns BSc; D W Payne BSc; B J Craven BA PGCE WRAF; Pilot Officers D S Gordon MA; L J Manhire BSc WRAF.

Administrative Branch – Catering

Flying Officer G S Pilkington.

Administrative Branch – Physical Education

Pilot Officers A J I Seaton BSc PGCE; S D Okunowo BA PGCE.

Security Branch – RAF Regiment

Flying Officer J H Gunn; Pilot Officers R J N Lake BA; T R Mason BA; Acting Pilot Officers R Adams; R J T Harrison; R J Cargill; J P Sutton.

Graduating officers of the specialist entrant and re-entrant course

Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service

Flying Officers C K J Hall RGN RM; H F Pittman RGN; D A Hulland RGN RSCN.

Medical Branch

Flight Lieutenants H H F Awad MB ChB MRCOG; J R Suvarna BSc MB BS.

Legal Branch

Flight Lieutenant J E Fogg BA(Hons)Law.

Royal Observer Corps

Observer Lieutenants A M Personage (W) C A Darby.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.D. Brehaut and Miss S.A. Lynch-Garbett

The engagement is announced between John David, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Brehaut, of Torteval, Guernsey, CI, and Sarah Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Lynch-Garbett, of Horsted Keynes, West Sussex.

Mr R.C.C.M. Stammeijer and Miss C. Southworth

The engagement is announced between Rolf, son of Mr and Mrs C.J. Stammeijer, of Neerharen, Belgium, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Southworth, of Chipperfield, Herts.

Mr J.P.C. Jones and Miss C.Y.T. Le Feuvre

The engagement is announced between Jonathan Peter Clive, third son of Mr and Mrs Colin Jones, of St Martin, Jersey, and Cecile Yvonne Therese, eldest daughter of Mrs T. Harris, of St Clement, Jersey, and M.C. Le Feuvre, of Dinan, France.

Mr O. Saysell and Miss P. Sherrin

The engagement is announced between Owen, son of Mr and Mrs A. Saysell, of Coleford, Gloucestershire, and Philippa, daughter of Dr and Mrs C.H. Sherrin, of Westbury on Trym, Avon, and Singapore.

Mr T.A. Scott and Miss P.M. O'Toole

The engagement is announced between Thomas Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs T.R. Scott, of Blyth, Northumberland, and Patricia Maria, younger daughter of Mrs E.M. O'Toole and the late Mr J.J. O'Toole, of Oxfordshire.

Mr G.S. Camburn and Miss T.A. Hancock

The engagement is announced between Gregory Scott, youngest son of Mr J.J. Camburn, of Kelvedon Hatch, Essex, and Mrs M.E. Haggart, of Toronto, Canada, and Tracey Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.G. Hancock, of Marden Ash, Essex.

Mr J.H. White-Thomson and Miss M.G.M. Rowe

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of the Very Rev Ian and Mrs White-Thomson, of Camphill, Wye, Kent, and Meg, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs Alan Rowe, of Hanghley Grange, Stowmarket, Suffolk.

Marriages

The Rt Hon Sir Michael Mann and Mrs A.E. Umpleby

The marriage took place quietly on December 22, between the Rt Hon Sir Michael Mann and Mrs A.E. Umpleby the widow of Lt Cdr H. Umpleby RN.

Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis and Mrs P. Robinson

The marriage of Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis and Mrs Primrose Robinson took place in London on December 21, 1989.

Mr M.W. Vianni and Miss T. Kath

The marriage took place in Karachi yesterday, between Mr M. Warris Vianni, of London, and Miss Tasneem Kath, of Karachi. A reception will be held at The Karachi Club tonight.

OBITUARIES

PAUL JENNINGS

Humorist in the best English tradition

Paul Jennings, the English humorist and writer, died on Boxing Day at the age of 71.

Although Jennings is not only arguably, but also eminently arguably, the most consistently original English comic writer of our century, this fact remains surprisingly little registered – at least in written form. But perhaps this is so simply because it was taken for granted in the years (until about the end of the 1960s) of his greatest fame. When, as it now undoubtedly will be, his achievement is looked at retrospectively, his stock will re-arise, and will remain high. This achievement, though less specifically literary than that of Sir Max Beerbohm, and in the last analysis less extraordinary, is of the same calibre. It can confidently be said of Jennings that no-one who troubled to read him thought him unfunny.

Paul Francis Jennings was born at Leamington Spa, in Warwickshire, on June 20, 1918, the son of William Benedict and Mary Gertrude Jennings. He was educated at King Henry VIII School, Coventry, and later at Douai.

While a young officer in the Royal Corps of Signals, Jennings began contributing humorous pieces to *Punch* and to *The Spectator*. By the end of the Second World War readers were looking out for his name, and many already discussed his innocently preposterous notions.

Here was an author who proved that the occasional short essay was far from dead. At one stroke Jeanings rid the form – it had become moribund between wars, as the "weekend essay" – of the silly whimsy and superfluous verbiage which then characterized it. He substituted something lighter yet tougher, a true reflection of the Englishman's love of the bizarre and the grotesque.

Jennings's method, which never substantially changed, was to take as starting point something so familiar or fashionable as to be banal, and then to spin from it – in an inimitably "logical" manner – a web of unsurpassed and unsurpassable speculation that was both obviously nonsensical and yet brilliantly (and often subversively) parodic of what passed for thought.

His imperturbable good humour completed the exercise. Thus, he invented the "Royal Label Factory", which referred to "some forgotten sinecure... and has escaped reform". He also claimed to have invented, with quite as much aplomb, several eminent characters who themselves could have sworn they existed in their own right. Behind all this lay a lucid religious imagination and a deep, abiding and knowledgeable love of music.

For a year after the war Jennings was a scriptwriter at the Central Office of Information, and from 1947 until 1949 he worked in the advertising agency Colman Prentis Varley. From 1949 until 1966 he was on the staff of *The Observer* newspaper, producing for them a weekly humorous column, after which he went freelance, but wrote rather less. No regular newspaper humorist kept up his standards so rigorously for so long a period.

Jennings began publishing books – most of them collecting his pieces – in 1951, with *Oddly Enough*. He wrote one (rather surprisingly weak) novel, *And Now For Something Exactly The Same*, but compiled a prized anthology, *The Book of Nonsense* (1977). In 1951 he had married Celia Blom, the daughter of the distinguished musician Eric Blom; they had three sons and three daughters.

Finally, appropriately and characteristically, in 1948 Jennings made an important contribution to modern philosophy which is (as it should be) duly recorded in the current edition of the magisterially titled *Fontana Dictionary of Modern Thought*. Jennings identified the philosophical school of Resistentialism, whose leading luminary was Pierre-Marie Ventre. Building on the work of his 19th century predecessors Friedegg and Heidansiecker, he "reversed the traditional mechanism of philosophy, which until then had been the consensus of what men think about Things: Resistentialism is concerned with what Things think about men (*les choses sont contre nous*). Jennings' triumph here was to demonstrate that "the absence of any physical basis" for Ventre's philosophy "was more than counter-balanced by its appeal as a psychological theory".

He is survived by his widow and all their children.

PROFESSOR S. D. GARRETT

Understanding plant diseases

Stephen Denis Garrett, FRS, Emeritus Professor of Mycology and Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge, died on December 26, aged 83. He was a mycologist (a specialist in fungi) and plant pathologist of world-wide reputation. President of the British Mycological Society in 1954, he was editor of its *Transactions* from 1956 to 1962.

His pioneer studies of a root infection of wheat called "Take-All" disease constituted an outstanding model for the study of soil-borne disease and led him on to further detailed examinations of the interaction of organisms in the soil. From this and later work arose unifying concepts of the behaviour of organisms in the soil which have been a powerful force in the investigation both of plant disease and of the ecology of soil fungi.

For many years his research work was much better known and its value better understood abroad than at home. This was perhaps because the technological, in addition to the purely scientific, applications of it were appreciated overseas. He visited by invitation many parts of the world, including India, Egypt, Spain, Australia and USA to lecture or give advice on plant pathological subjects. He was a leading member of the international symposia on soil-borne plant pathogens and gave the opening addresses at Berkeley and at Minneapolis as well as organizing that in London. He wrote a number of influential books on soil ecology and on plant diseases as well as numerous research papers.

Garrett was born on November 1, 1906, in Leiston, Suffolk, and was educated first at the Dragon School, Oxford, and then at Eastbourne College. He specialized at first in mathematics but soon convinced himself and his masters that his career was to be in biology. He went up to Magdalene as a pensioner in 1926 to read for the Natural Science Tripos, taking part II in Botany in 1929.

His first post was as assistant plant pathologist at the Waite Agricultural Research Institute at Adelaide University under Geoffrey Samuel. His contacts in Australia, with problems related to practical agriculture, greatly broadened his outlook, although in later years he often expressed regret that he wasted so much of his time on irrelevant studies during his first stay at the Waite. He returned to England after three years in Australia, to work first at Imperial College under Professor William Brown, and later at Rothamsted as a Leverhulme Research Fellow.

Garrett remained at Rothamsted as a mycologist until 1946 when he accepted a post as Plant Pathologist with the West Indian Banana Research Scheme in Jamaica. Ill health, however, caused him to return to England within the year and he worked for a time as Agricultural Research Council Fellow at Cambridge in the Botany School and as Director of the Sub-Department of Mycology in 1952. His distinguished researches were recognized by his election to the Royal Society in 1967 and to a Readership and subsequently to a personal Chair in Cambridge. He retired in 1973 but for several years continued to pursue his experimental work.

At Cambridge Garrett not only taught mycology and plant pathology, but continued his own researches with great energy. He supervised the first researches of many students amongst whom were men and women now prominent in research activities in universities, research stations and in commercial undertakings all over the world.

Garrett married Ruth Jane Perkins, daughter of the artist Christopher Perkins, in 1934. They had three daughters.

PETER DUNICAN

Engineer behind the Barbican development

Peter Dunican, CBE, who was Chairman of the Ove Arup Partnership from 1977 to 1984, died on December 19, aged 71.

Peter Thomas Dunican was born in Surbiton on March 15, 1918, of Scots-Irish parentage, went to the Central School, Clapham, and studied engineering at the Battersea Polytechnic. In 1936 he began his career as an engineering assistant with S. H. White and Son, and in 1943 joined Ove Arup as an engineer in Arup & Arup Ltd.

In 1946 Ove Arup left Arup & Arup to form his own independent engineering consultancy. Dunican went with him and quickly took on a central role in the development of the new firm. If Ove Arup's philosophy provided the inspiration behind its growth, it was Dunican's energy and acumen which fuelled the "engine room" of Ove Arup & Partners throughout its expansion from the single, tightly-knit drawing office of the 1940s to the multinational concern it had become by the late 1960s.

Dunican became a partner of Ove Arup & Partners in 1956, saw the firm through the radical re-organisation that its growth made necessary in the late 1960s, and succeeded Sir Ove Arup as Chairman of the Ove Arup Partnership in 1977, which role he held until his retirement in 1984. Since then he had been a consultant.

Dunican's main professional experience and interest was in the design of structures for buildings. He had a particular interest in housing and was responsible for much innovative development in the field. He also contributed his skills to such projects as the Barbican redevelopment in the City of London, the new Stock Exchange building in the City, the University of East Anglia, the South Bank Arts Centre and the National Sports Centre at Crystal Palace.

He made a broader contribution to the construction industry as a Member of the Council of the Institution of Structural Engineers from 1964 to 1976, as a Vice President from 1971 and as the Institution's President in 1977. In 1983 he was made a Member of Council of the Fellowship of Engineering. As chairman of the National Building Agency from 1978 to 1982, succeeding Lord Goodman, Dunican devoted much energy to it.

He leaves a widow, Irene, two sons and one daughter.

DOWAGER MARCHIONESS OF CHOLMONDELEY

The Dowager Marchioness of Cholmondeley, CBE, who died on Boxing Day at the age of 95, will be remembered as the chatelaine of Houghton, the great house in Norfolk built by Sir Robert Walpole, where she and her husband went to live in 1919 and to which she devoted all her energies and resources for 70 years.

She always remained thrilled by the house, but then she had a special awareness of history and of the extraordinary life that she had been privileged to lead. She combined both with a love of conversation, and particularly for a younger generation it was one of the experiences of life to listen to her talking of her father, Sir Edward Sassoon; her mother, Aline de Rothschild, who died when she was about 14, and of life in London and Paris before 1914 with her brother Philip, with stories of Orpen and Sargent with whom she played duets when she went for sittings.

In 1913 she married Lord Rocksavage, later fifth Marquess of Cholmondeley and who died in 1968. They had one daughter, Aline, and two sons, Hugh, the present Marquess, and John, who died in 1986.

If could have been just a gilded life, but that was not Sybil's way. She was rightly proud of being Assistant Principal to the Women's Royal Naval Service from 1916 to 1918 and then of being Superintendent of the WRNS from 1939 to 1945. Often she talked of the visit she paid to the Allied battlefields in France in 1918 with Foch.

She knew almost all the notable artists, politicians and sportsmen of her time, but, because Lord Cholmondeley liked a retired life, she was never a social figure in a conventional sense.

She was a good shot and loved to race Bugattis to the South of France.

Her efforts over many years for Anglo-French friendship were recognised in 1984 when President Mitterrand at the end of a state visit to Britain bestowed on her the Legion of Honour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
Philippians 2 : 8

BIRTHS

BATES - on December 28th at Queen Charlottes Hospital to Robert and Teresa a son Simon Robert George, a brother for Lisa.

COE - On December 22nd to Rosemary (née Guilding) and Timothy, a son Jonathan William.

COOKE - On December 23rd to Miranda and Oliver, a daughter, Marina Sophia, a sister to Alice and Flora.

HAIG - On December 27th to Catherine and Peter a daughter.

HUTTON - on December 27th, to Cathy (neé Grant) and Edward, a son, Peter Edward Fleming, a brother for Emma.

JEFFERY - on December 27th to Joanna (nee Oakes) and Tony, a son George Patrick Edwin, a brother for Thomas and Amelia.

MENDELSSOHN - On December 19th, to Emma (née Williams) and Martin, a son, Jack Frederick David.

MORRIS - to Rachel and Charles on Christmas Eve at Paperhouse, a daughter Martha.

PACKER - on December 28th to Hugh and Priscilla in Bordeaux a son, a brother for William and Helen.

PLOWRIGHT - On December 28th to Debbie (née Forbes) and Nigel, a daughter Georgina, a sister for James.

REEVE-TUCKER - On December 22nd to Nicky (née Dyas) and Michael, a son, Alexander Patrick Torquil, a half brother for Piers, Poppy and Dominic.

RICHARDS - On December 27th at Poole Maternity Hospital to Beverley (née Davis) and Andrew, a daughter, Hannah Grace. Deo Gratias.

SCHROEDER - On December 23rd at Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn Garden City, to Alison (née Page) and Howell, a son Philip Francis, a brother for Edward.

SHONE - On December 25th at Northampton, to Janet (née Dodd) and Steven, a daughter, Harriet Ellen, a sister for Alice.

STEVENS - On December 23rd 1989, to Elizabeth (née Bevis) and Julian, a daughter Olivia Catharine Anne, a sister for Harriet and Freddie.

WAPLES - On December 20th, to Julia (née Stewart) and Christopher, a son, Thomas.

WHITCOMBE - On Wednesday 27th December, 1989 to Rebecca (née Roberts) and Mark, a darling daughter Madeleine Rebecca, a sister for Claudia.

DEATHS

ANSON - On Christmas Day, suddenly, Francis Richard (Frankie). Much loved husband of Liz and father to Amanda, Anthony, Juliet and Emma. Service at St Mary The Boltons Church, London SW10, 2pm Wednesday January 3rd. Family flowers only, donations to British Heart Foundation.

ATTENBOROUGH - On December 20th, Lt. Col. Stanley (Sam) RA Rtd, peacefully in his 92nd year, beloved husband of Barbara. Deeply missed as father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service 11 am, Tuesday January 9th at St Mary's Church, Chartham, Nr Canterbury. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Youth Clubs UK, Keswick House, 30 Peacock Lane, Leicester for the benefit of the Kent Association of Youth Clubs.

BASSETT - On December 25th 1989, Kathleen, at Yeovil District Hospital. Funeral service Friday January 5th, 11.15am at East Coker Parish Church. No flowers. Donations if desired for N.S.P.C.C. c/o G.H. Cook & Son, 8/11 Bond St, Yeovil. Tel: (0935) 23463.

BELSON - On Christmas Eve, Christopher Euan, aged 65, after a short illness, at New Rochelle, New York. Funeral private.

BOWEN - On December 28th, 1989 John Noel O.B.E., M.R.C.V.S., aged 81 years at his home Siamber Wen, Llangollen. Beloved husband of Edna and father of Gill and Barbara. Father in law of Christopher Mallinson and Luigino Ruzittu and grandfather of Polly. A founder and past chairman of Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod. Funeral service at Pentrebychan crematorium near Wrexham on wednesday January 3rd, 1990 at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Llangollen District Nurses. Enquiries to Francis Roberts, funeral directors, 10 Crane street, Cefn Mawr near Wrexham Clwyd LL14 3AB. Tel: (0978) 810884.

BLAKE - On December 24th 1989, peacefully, Leone Childers beloved aunt and friend to many. Cremation private. Memorial service 2.30 pm Friday January 19th at Tarrant Monkton Church.

BOYLE - On December 27th 1989, suddenly at home, in Newton Mearns, Glasgow, Sir Lawrence Boyle B.Com., Ph.D., I.P.F.A., F.B.I.M., J.P. (former Chief Executive of Strathclyde Regional Council, formerly City Chamberlain of Glasgow and Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Renfrewshire). Dear husband of May McWilliam, loving father of Catherine, Frances, Monica and Mark and adored grandad of Peter and Ian. Fortified by the Rites of Holy Church R.I.P. Requiem Mass at St. Andrew's Metropolitan Cathedral, Clyde St., Glasgow on Wednesday (3rd January) at 11.00am. Funeral thereafter to Mortonhall Cemetery, Edinburgh arriving 1.30pm. All friends respectfully invited.

BREADY - On December 27th 1989, after a short illness, at his sister's home at 1 Wandsworth Road, Belfast, Andrew J. late of Southerley, Burney Road, West Humble, nr Dorking, Surrey. His remains will be buried at Milltown Cemetery, Belfast after Requiem Mass at St Colmcilles Church, Ballyhackamore, Belfast at 10.30 am today (Friday) December 29th 1989.

BROCKLEBANK - On December 23rd, Eleanor (Mick), treasured Nan to many children. Enquiries Swainsons Funeral Directors (0423) 504571.

CAMPBELL - on Christmas morning suddenly and peacefully Adam Diarmaid in his 73rd year of Carlton Hill, St Johns Wood, London, NW8 and formerly of Geneva Switzerland. Dearly loved husband of Peggy and loving father of Fiona, Deirdre and Judith. Funeral private.

CHETWYND - On Christmas Day, peacefully at Inchmarlo House, Phyllis Marion, dearly loved by her many cousins and friends, in her 97th year. Funeral on Friday January 5th at St Anne's Episcopal Church, Kemnay, Aberdeenshire, at 1.45 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please, but donations if desired to Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen.

CONDLIFFE - On 23rd December at Wells Farm, Little Milton, Oxford, Kathleen widow of George Condliffe. Funeral Friday 5th January 1990, 2.30pm at St James' Church, Little Milton. No flowers by request, donations to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, 41 Eagle Street, London WC1R 4AR.

CRAWLEY - On Christmas Eve 1989, Daphne (née Mockett), much beloved wife of Desmond, loving and loved mother of Jane, Michael and Stephen, devoted grandmother of Tessa, Cassandra, Oliver, Jaspar and Pandora. Thanksgiving service at St Margaret's Church, Putney Park Lane, Putney at 11am Friday 5th January.

CUNNAH - On December 27th at Midhurst after a long illness borne with great courage, John Wellesley. Formerly of Chester and of the National Provincial Bank. Husband of Mollie and father of Robin and Guy. Enquiries (0730) 813264.

DALTON - On December 28th, 1989, suddenly at his home in Gaddesby, Leicestershire, Reginald Arthur. Husband of the late Marjorie, a much loved member of his family and devoted grandfather to Nina, Robyn and Harriet. Funeral service at St. Luke's Church, Gaddesby on Tuesday January 2nd at 1.15 pm followed by cremation at Loughborough Crematorium. Flowers or donations to the British Heart Foundation to Ginns & Gutteridge Ltd. Funeral Directors of Leicester. Telephone 516117.

DANIEL - on December 27th, 1989, peacefully at her home, Beatrice Pendlebury, widow of Admiral Sir Charles Daniel. Much loved by all her family and friends. Funeral service at St Mary's, Sulhampstead Abbots on Monday January 8th at 12.15pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to A B Walker & Son Ltd, 36 Eldon Road, Reading.

DAVIES - on December 27th, peacefully at the University Hospital, Cardiff, after a short illness Professor Stephen Gethyn loving husband of Vivienne, devoted father of Karen, Stephen and Nan. Service at 2.30 on the afternoon of Saturday December 30th at Parc Gwyn Crematorium, Narberth, Pembrokeshire.

DE STROUMILLO - On December 23rd, Major A. (Sacha), peacefully in his sleep aged 90.

EVANS - On December 19th, suddenly, Leslie John Faustin very much loved husband of Wendy and father of Linda and Katie. Funeral at St Mathias Church, Cheam Common Road, Worcester Park, Surrey on January 2nd at 9 am. Enquiries to WA Truslove and Sons Limited 01-642 8211.

FALCON - On December 24th, peacefully after a short illness Nancy Mary beloved wife of Tom Corwen, loving mother of Thomas, Gordon and Isabel Curwen and grandmother of Joseph Baron. Funeral at Reading Crematorium on January 4th at 2.15pm.

FANNER - On December 23rd, suddenly in hospital, Mary Fanner (née England) beloved mother of Rosemary and Patricia and devoted grandmother of David, Rupert and Jennifer. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Warsash on Friday January 5th, 1990, at 2.00 pm. All enquiries to A.H. Freemantle Funeral Directors, Titchfield, Hants.

FENWICK - On December 27th at Wolsingham, Co Durham, Marjorie Newton Fenwick (née Weeks) dearly loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, widow of Edwin Arthur Featherstone Fenwick, in her 90th year. Private Funeral.

FORBES - on December 28th 1989, peacefully Archibald James Forbes aged 91 of 111 Finborough Road, Stow Market Suffolk. For many years resident in Malaysia. Husband of Edythe, devoted father of Diane and Alison and dearly loved grand father of Timothy, Ruth, Elizabeth, Anna, Alastair and Joanna. Cremation on January 5th 12 noon at Bury St Edmunds Crematorium.

FRASER - On December 23rd Hugh K.H.S. of Burnham Market, Norfolk peacefully in hospital. Beloved husband of Penty and much loved father of Angus, Jeremy and Zelie and fondest grandfather. Private family funeral. Enquiries and flowers to S T Sutton Funeral Directors, Tel: (0328) 710301.

FREELAND - on Christmas Day, peacefully, in his 90th year, James Gourlay (Jimmy) Freeland B.L., beloved husband of Jessie and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Worth Crematorium, Sussex on Monday 8th January at 12 noon. Flowers and enquiries to Ebbutts, Croydon. 01-688 5555. Memorial Service to be held later in the City of London.

GARRETT - On December 26th, Stephen Denis F.R.S., Emeritus Professor of Mycology, University of Cambridge. Dear husband of Jane, much loved father of Rachel, Lucy and Cathy. Peacefully at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge aged 83. Funeral service on wednesday, 3rd January at 2.45pm at St. Johns church, Hills Rd, Cambridge followed by private cremation service. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Cambridgeshire Wildlife Trust or to The Coeliac Society. Memorial service will be announced later.

GELSON - on December 24th peacefully at home William Edward dearly loved husband of Mary and father of Bill, Hilary and Alan. Family funeral.

GURD - On December 23rd, peacefully at home in Nottingham, Maurice Robert Gurd Ph.D., F.R.P.S., aged 78. All enquiries to Greater Nottingham Co-Operative Funeral Service, Telephone (0602) 785171.

HALEWOOD - On December 27th, Donald, loyal and beloved husband of Mabel. Devoted father of Nicholas, Mark and Simon. Also greatly loved grandfather of Naomi, Peter, Rosemary and David, and father-in-law of Tomoko and Ruth. He was proud of them all. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Cancer Research. Rest in Peace my darling. Mabel.

HALL - on December 22nd, suddenly at home, James. Requiem Mass at the Church of St's Anselm and Cecilia, Kingsway, London, WC2, Wednesday, January 3rd at 1.30pm, followed by burial at Hampstead Cemetery, Fortune Green Road, NW6. Flowers to A France & Son. Tel: 01-405 4901.

HAWKES - On December 28th, peacefully and with great dignity at Kettering General Hospital, Wilfred Victor aged 86 years of Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire. Loving husband of Winifred, father and father-in-law of David and Emma, grandfather of Edward and Simon. Funeral service at Kettering Crematorium on Thursday, January 4th at 3.00 pm. No flowers by request. Donations if wished for Imperial Cancer Research, c/o A. Abbott & Sons, Funeral Directors, High Street South, Rushden, Northants.

HARVEY - On December 20th 1989, Heather Joan C.B.E., peacefully at home. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday 8th January at 11.15am. Floral tributes to J.H. Kenyon Ltd. 49 Marlowes Road, London, W8.

HEATH - On December 25th Winifred Maude of Wittersham, Kent. Beloved wife of William Edwin, mother of Jennifer and David, grandmother of Jan, Thomas, Peter and Robert, and great grandmother of Simon. Funeral service to be held at Wittersham Parish Church on Tuesday January 2nd 1990 at 2.00pm. Family flowers only, but contributions to Wittersham Parish Church Restoration Appeal would be appreciated.

HEDLEY - On December 26th 1989 at Caledonia Lodge, Worthing, Anna Mary aged 75 years, eldest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs G W Hedley of Cheltenham. Head Mistress of the Red Maids' School, Bristol 1948-60, and of Worthing High School for Girls 1960-78. Cremation at Worthing Crematorium 12.15 pm Thursday January 4th. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 25 Effie Road, London SW6.

KEARNEY - On December 26th, 1989 peacefully at a Bath Hospital, Francis George elder son of the late Sir Francis and Lady Kearney and very dearly loved brother of Sheelah and the late Kitty and Henry. Requiem Mass at St.Johns, South Parade, Bath at 11am on Thursday January 11th, 1990. Rest in peace.

KIRBY - on December 27th 1989 peacefully at home in Sunninghill, Berkshire after much illness bravely borne. Jack Howard (John) Kirby C.B.E. aged 76. Funeral by cremation at 2.30 pm, January 8th 1990, at the Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Berkshire. Family flowers only but voluntary donations in lieu to RSPB, The Lodge, Sandy, Beds.

LAKE - On December 27th peacefully in a Tunbridge Wells Nursing Home, Arnold Llewellyn, aged 88 years. Dearly loved husband of Freda (Winifred). 'Redeemed by the Blood of Christ'. Funeral service on Tuesday January 9th at 11.15am at the Culverden Evangelical Church, Tunbridge Wells. Private interment. No flowers, donations if desired to London City Mission or Scripture Gift Mission c/o E R Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LITTLEWOOD - On December 22nd 1989 suddenly in hospital, Thomas Leslie. Former general secretary of the Association of Broadcasting Staff and member of the General Council TUC. Sadly missed by his wife Lola, family and friends. Cremation, January 10th 3.00 pm. Swindon Crematorium.

LONGDEN - On December 24th 1989, aged 81, Clifford John, husband of Molly, father and grandfather. Funeral Service on Saturday 6th January 1990 in Poole: details from Tapper Funeral Service, telephone: (0202) 673164.

MARTYN - On December 24th suddenly at home, Major Arthur Meiron Evans, aged 55. Service on January 5th, 3.15pm at St Mary's Church, Warwick. Private cremation. Flowers Tel (0926) 492229.

MCCULLOUGH - On December 28th in a Nursing Home in Rutland, Thomas Warburton, aged 88, husband of the late Lisette, father and grandfather. Funeral: Kettering Crematorium, Friday 5th January at 12.30 pm.

MELVILLE - on December 25th suddenly but peacefully at home in the presence of friends, Sqn Ldr Leopold Stanislaw Maria (Stanley) aged 86, husband of late Mary. Funeral at Woking Crematorium 4 pm Tuesday January 2nd. Flowers to Messrs P Boast & Sons, Chertsey.

MENZIES - On December 21st 1989 peacefully at Morden College, Blackheath, Elsie Menzies (née Griffin), aged 94, former principal D'Oyly Carte Opera Company. Beloved wife of the late Ivan, beloved mother of Mahala. Funeral Service, Friday January 12th, Morden College Chapel, 2.30pm, afterwards at Lewisham Crematorium. No flowers please, donations to Westminster Theatre.

MILLER - On December 22nd peacefully at the Princess Grace Hospital, London with his family in attendance, after a illness borne with great courage. Witold (Victor) Edward Sielewicz, aged 52, Chairman of Victor Miller Ltd. Dearly loved husband of Dana, father of Marek and Marcin, and grandfather of David. Much missed by family and friends. Service at the Polish Church, Windsor Road, Ealing at 10.45 am on Thursday 4th January, followed immediately by interment at South Ealing Cemetry. Donations to Cancer Research or flowers to WS Bond & Son, Bond Street, Ealing, London.

NAYLER - On December 24th 1989 at Norwich Hospital Edith Mabel of Fakenham, Norfolk, formerly of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. Requiem Mass at st Anthony's in Fakenham at 10.15 am on 4th January 1990 followed by cremation at Kings Lynn crematorium. Any enquiries to John Wilson & Giles Solicitors, 1759 London Rd, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex SS9 2SR.

O'NEIL - on December 24th peacefully, Dorothy Vivienne (neé Tricker), beloved wife of the late John and mother of Graham. Funeral service at Barham Crematorium, Canterbury on 8th January at 2.00pm. No flowers but donations to The Breathlessness Research Charitable Trust c/o Department of Medicine, Charring Cross Hospital, London, W6.

PARRISH - On December 24th peacefully at Candida's home, Marian Isabel, aged 82 of Higham Gobion. Devoted wife of the late Jack Parrish, dearly loved mother of Candida, John and Peter and loving grandmother to Amanda, James and Victoria, Joanna and Christopher, Ben and Anna. Funeral service on Wednesday January 3rd at 12 noon at St Margaret's Church Higham Gobion. Family flowers only but donations if desired to St Margaret's Church, Higham Gobion c/o Neville Funeral Sevice, Neville House, Marsh Road, Luton, Beds.

RADO - On December 23rd, aged 83, in Thamesfield Nursing Home, Henley, Professor Richard Rado, F.R.S., beloved husband of Luise and father of Peter. Cremation private.

REEVES - On December 28th peacefully, Harry Martin. Dear husband of Joy, father of Mary-Ann, Charles, Jeremy and Jennifer, and step-father of Toby. Service at Holy Trinity Church, Ramsey 2.30pm on January 4th, followed by cremation at Douglas Crematorium, I.O.M.. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Ramsay Royal Naval Assoc.

ROBERTSON - On 27th December 1989 at Inverness, Professor John Monteath Robertson, C.B.E., D.S.C., LL.D., F.R.S., F.R.S.E., in his 90th year, dearly loved husband of Stella, dear father of Kennard, Keith, and Patricia Margaret and loving grandfather to his seven grandchildren. Service on saturday 30th December at 9.15 am in Ness Bank Church, Inverness to which all friends are invited. Interment thereafter private. Family flowers only please.

ROGERS - On December 10th 1989 suddenly in London, Aeron Caledfryn aged 84 much loved brother of Islwyn and Morfydd. A graduate of Balliol College Oxford and until retirement head of the Mathematics Department, Emanuel School, London, he was greatly admired as an inspiring teacher by generations of pupils, especially by those many who earned Oxbridge awards. He was buried in the family grave at Ammanford, Dyfed on December 14th.

RUTHERFORD - On December 28th, Bertha Rutherford of Low Fell, Gateshead. Widow of Gordon, mother of Malcolm; peacefully in a nursing home.

SAVAGE - On Christmas Day, Anne Lowden Savage (née Robertson), aged 44, after a long illness, wife of Peter, mother of Robert and James and stepmother of Michael and Elizabeth. Private cremation. Memorial service Christ Church, Lubbock Road, Chislehurst, Kent, Thursday 4th January at 12 noon. No flowers but donations to Frognal Centre for Medical Studies, Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, Kent.

SCHAUL - On December 24th Doctor Martin Charles dearly beloved husband of Ruth, admired and respected, will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his family and all who knew him.

SHELFORD - On Christmas Day 1989 after a short illness, the Reverend Gordon Hope McNeill Shelford aged 73 a loved and loving husband, father, grandfather and step father. One time headmaster of Brunswick School, East Grinstead and a devoted greatly loved parish priest. Cremation at Swindon at 12 noon on Tuesday January 9th. Memorial service at St Winifred's church, Branscombe, East Devon at 12 noon on Thursday January 18th.

SHERIDAN - On December 23rd Evelyn May in Dublin, aged 103. Widow of Dr John Sheridan formerly of Barnsley, Yorkshire. The Funeral has taken place.

SHUTTLEWORTH - on December 21st, 1989 in Northwood, peacefully in her sleep. Edith aged 94, dearly beloved wife of the late Frederick John, mother of Kenneth, Sheila, and the late Barbara, grandmother and great grandmother. Service at St John's Church (United Reformed), Northwood on Wednesday, January 3rd at 2.00pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

SINCLAIR - On December 26th 1989 at home Robin Peter of Wargrave, Berks and Kenya, husband of Christina, father of Joanne and Emma, son of George and Kath. Service of thanksgiving at St. Marys, Walgrave on Wednesday January 3rd at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations for Cancer Society in Stockholm c/o A.B.Walker & Son Ltd, 36 Eldon Road, Reading RG1 4DL. Tel: (0734) 573650.

SQUIRE - On December 27th 1989 in Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn Garden City, Constance Ruth, aged 94. Fourteenth child of the late Samuel and Annie Maria Squire of Leicester Formerly of Todd's Green, Stevenage and Hitchin Girls' Grammar School. Funeral at St Mary's Essendon on Wednesday January 3rd 1990 at 1pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Save The Children Fund.

STANNARD - On December 22nd suddenly Stephen aged 35 years, much loved husband of Maureen (nee Blake), beloved son of George and Joan, dearly loved brother of Jennifer, dear son-in-law of Terry and Rita and brother-in-law of Helen, Ken, Joan, Anne and Paul, will be greatly missed by all. Service and cremation at Whitley Bay crematorium, Tyne and Wear on Thursday January 4th at 11.30 am. Friends please meet at crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations may be sent if desired to R.N.L.I. c/o Mr Ray,'Malibar', 20 King Street, Seahouses, Northumberland.

STEWART - On December 26th 1989 in Dorset, James Stewart W.S., aged 75 years. Loving and very dearly loved husband of Stella, much loved step-father of Maralyn and Moyra, and dear and proud grandfather of Peter, Amanda, Jane and Fiona. Funeral service 2.30pm at St Mary's Church, Iwerne Courtney on Friday December 29th. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to Cherretts Funeral Directors Tel: Blandford Forum 453295.

WAKE - On December 25th in the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, William Charles (Bill) Wake aged 73 years of Clive, Shropshire. Husband to Lilian, brother to Philip, much loved. Funeral at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Monday January 8th at 2.40 pm. Family flowers only please. A thanksgiving service will be announced later. Enquiries please to the funeral directors WRR Pugh and Son, telephone Shrewsbury 4646.

WEBBER - On December 21st, peacefully, with courage, dignity and humour, in Amersham Hospital, Dorothea Mary Stafford (Auntie Dot). Dearly loved Aunt, Great Aunt and friend to so many. Funeral at St. Marys, Chesham, Thursday 11th January at 11.15am followed by cremation. No flowers but donations may be sent to The Royal Society for the protection of Birds, The Lodge, Sandy, Beds.

WELSH - On December 21st, at Branksome Nursing Home, Laurence, aged 96, beloved husband of Connie. Funeral at Bournemouth Crematorium, 12.45 pm Wednesday 3rd January. Family flowers only.

WILKINSON - On December 22nd William James (Wilkie), formerly of Orpington, Kent at Lady Mary Nursing Home, Tunbridge Wells, aged 80. Requiem Mass at St. Marys, Chislehurst on Wednesday 3rd January at 2pm.

WOOLLER - On December 22nd 1989, Arthur Wooller C.B.E., M.A. (Oxon), H.M. Diplomatic Service (retd), I.C.S. and I.P.S. (retd). Lovingly nursed and very peacefully at Harpenden Memorial Hospital after a long illness. Aged 77. No mourning, no flowers, no memorial service at his own expressed request. Funeral on January 12th 1990. For details please contact Neville's Funeral Service Ltd, Luton. Tel: (0582) 574902. Donations if desired to Harpenden Memorial Hospital and R.M.H.

YORATH - On December 27th peacefully after a long illness at Surrey Hill Home, Desmond dearly loved husband of Elizabeth,dearest father of Susan and Timothy, much loved grandpa of Emma, Mark, Giles and Oliver. Funeral at East Clandon Church on Tuesday 2nd January at 2 pm. Family flowers. Donations to Alzheimer's Disease Society. Enquiries to R Walker, West Clandon. Tel: (0483) 222421.

ZYGOURAS - On December 26th, Euthalia, suddenly in Addenbrook's Hospital, aged 85 years, much loved sister of Zoi and Ianthi. Funeral private. Family flowers only.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR

HODGSON, Francis Everard. Barrister. Air-gunner R.A.F.V.R. Gelsenkirchen, December 29th 1944. Eternally most dear.

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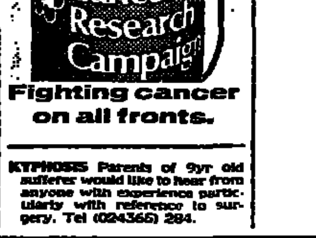

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Eleanor Lyndon Trust (Clockworkers' Company)
Scheme for the reconstruction of the body of trustees
Ref: 312763-A/3-CD(S3)
The Charity Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this Charity. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (ref: 312763-A/3(S3)) at St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX, and may be seen at North London Collegiate School, Canons, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 7RJ. Objection and suggestions may be sent to the Commissioners within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Olive Wright Educational Fund (Clockworkers' Company)
The Charity Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this Charity. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (ref: 312763-A/3(S3)) at St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX, and may be seen at Camden School For Girls Sandall Road, London NW5 2DB Objection and suggestions may be sent to the Commissioners within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF C ROWBOTHAM & SONS (INSURANCE) LIMITED
Registered Office and Principal Trading Address 9 St Clare Street London EC3N 1BE.
Company No 128735
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 55/57 High Holborn, London WC1V 6DX on Thursday 4th January 1990, at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986, ie:-
1 To consider the Directors' Statement of Affairs.
2 To appoint a Liquidator.
3. To appoint a Liquidation Committee.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must (unless they are individual creditors attending in person) lodge their proxies at 55/57 High Holborn, London WC1V 6DX, no later than 12 noon on 3rd January 1990 Creditors must submit a proof of debt before voting.
The following insolvency practitioner will provide creditors free of charge with information concerning the company's affairs: Nigel Atkinson, 55/57 High Holborn, London WC1V 6DX (Telephone 01 405 8799: Please ask for Paul Snook).
Dated this 27th day of December 1989
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R J M Baxter Director

Notice of appointment of liquidator voluntary winding up (Creditors) pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company number: 2254936 Name of company Samudale Upholstery Ltd Nature of business: Manufacturers of Lounge Suites. Type of liquidation: Creditors' Voluntary Address of registered office: Uplands House, Blackhorse Lane, London E17 5QW Liquidators name and address Richard Andrew Segal, Uplands House, Blackhorse Lane, London E17 5QW Office holder no 002685 Date of appointment: 18 12 89. By whom appointed: Members & Creditors.
R A Segal Liquidator
Date 18.12.89

Notice of Administration Order
The Insolvency Act 1986
In the matter of SunnarHauserman Inc. Nature of business Installation of office furniture. Administration Order made: 15 December 1989. Trade classification: 46.
David Julian Buchler and Edward John Wacey
Joint Administrators

Notice of appointment of liquidator voluntary winding up pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company number: 1460345. Name of company: Cluff Eastern Associates Limited. Previous name of company: Cluff Oil Hong Kong (U K) Limited Darkrule Limited. Nature of business: Exploration for Petroleum Type of liquidation Members Address of registered office. PO Box 56, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT Liquidators name and address Martin Fishman PO Box 56, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT Office holder no 6470 Date of appointment 13 December 1989 By whom appointed. Members
M Fishman Liquidator
Date: 18.12.89

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106 (1)
Bucks Fizz Properties and Developers Limited (In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)
Notice is hereby given that I Melvyn Laurence Rose of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Chartered Accountant, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on 23rd November 1989.
Melvyn L. Rose
F.C.A., F.C.C.A.
Liquidator
29th November 1989

SUTTON MOTOR PANELS (TIPTON) LIMITED
COMPANY NUMBER, 958093
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that,
1 The above named company has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase.
2 The amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £80,806 66 and the resolution approving such payment out of capital was passed on 22nd December 1989
3 The statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors' report required by Section 173 of the said Act are available for inspection at the company's registered office at 196 200 Bloomfield Road, Tipton, West Midlands.
4 Any creditor of the company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following 22nd December 1989 apply to the Court under section 176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting the payment
M J Sutton Secretary

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
TOWNSEND SUPPLY CO LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at London Chamber of Commerce, 69 Cannon Street, London EC4 on the 5th day of January 1990, at 11 30 a.m for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act, that is,
1 The nomination of a Liquidator
2. The appointment of a Liquidation Committee
Proxy forms to be used for the purposes of the above Meeting must be lodged, accompanied by Statements of Claim at the Registered Office of the Company situated at Messrs Booth White & Co., 6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London E14 9SN not later than 4 00 p.m on the 4th day of January 1990.
Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Colin George Wiseman of Messrs Booth White & Co, 6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London E14 9SN is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above Company and will furnish Creditors free of charge with such information concerning the above Company's affairs as they may reasonably require
Dated this 12th day of December 1989
By Order of the Board
D Easter Director

BANHAM FARMING CO. LIMITED
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that.
(1) The above named Company has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own share by purchase.
(2) The amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £306 and the resolution approving such payment out of capital was passed on
(3) The Statutory Declaration of the Directors and Auditors report required by Sections 173 and 174 of the said Act are available for inspection at the Company's registered office at 124 Thorpe Road, Thorpe, Norwich, Norfolk
(4) Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following 20th December 1989 apply to the Court under Sections 176 and 177 of the Act for an Order prohibiting the payment.
P B F de la Cour
Director

IN THE MATTER OF BARBICAN GRAPHIC PRODUCTS LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up are required, on or before the 12th day of January 1990 to send in their Christian and surnames their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to the undersigned Brian Mills of 142/148 Main Road Sidcup Kent DA14 6NZ the Liquidator of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 27th day of November 1989
B Mills Liquidator

In the matter of:
CLUFF EASTERN ASSOCIATES LTD
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
COMPANY NUMBER 1460345
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
On 13 December 1989 the above named Company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman of Arthur Andersen & Co., PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, was appointed Liquidator by the Members.
The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4 182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address, by 13 February 1990
The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4 182A(6) that on 27 February 1990 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 13 February 1990 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors
The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full
Dated 15 December 1989
M Fishman Liquidator

Notice of appointment of liquidator voluntary winding up (Creditors) pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company number: 2125553 Name of company Calamity Cane Ltd Nature of business, Retailers of Cane Furniture and Basketware Type of liquidation: Creditors' Voluntary Address of registered office. Uplands House, Blackhorse Lane, London E17 5QW Liquidators name and address Richard Andrew Segal, Uplands House, Blackhorse Lane, London E17 5QW Office holder no. 002685 Date of appointment: 18 12 89 By whom appointed: Members & Creditors
R A Segal Liquidator
Date: 18 12.89

Notice of appointment of liquidator voluntary winding up (Members) pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company number: 1460345. Name of company: Cluff Eastern Associates Limited Previous name of company Cluff Oil Hong Kong (U K) Limited Darkrule Limited Nature of business Exploration for Petroleum Type of liquidation Members Address of registered office PO Box 55 1 Surrey Street London WC2R 2NT Liquidators name and address Martin Fishman PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street London WC2R 2NT Office holder no 6470 Date of appointment 13 December 1989 By whom appointed Members
M Fishman Liquidator
Date 18 12 89

DEC 29 — ON THIS DAY — 1914

In the much sought-after news from the front at this time of year, stories of fraternization were unlikely to be given publicity, but this indirect report managed to pass the censor.

BRITISH CONCERT PARTY AT BOULOGNE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
BOULOGNE, DEC. 27.

Mr. Seymour Hicks and his company of well-known artists landed here today. They found a large gathering of men in khaki waiting to receive them. They were given a most enthusiastic welcome, the soldiers singing "For he's a jolly good fellow" when Mr Seymour Hicks appeared on the gangway.

A few hours later the party were entertaining the wounded in the Casino Hospital. A small stage had been hastily prepared in the Baccarat Salon, the largest ward in the hospital. The stage was decorated with the flags of England and France. All the wounded who were well enough to be moved were brought into the ward. Some were carried in in their beds, which were ranged closely together in long lines along the ward. All the artists appeared in the dresses in which they had travelled. The entertainment, of course, had its topical references. "A Little Bit of String" contained the verse:

Just a little khaki string,
Just a tiny little thing,
Tied as tightly as a string could be.
Oh, it still is holding strong.
And it's growing twice as long.
It's a string of British lads, you see.

The entertainment was greatly appreciated by the men. They heartily applauded all the "turns" and called loudly for "encores". But thoughts of their comrades still in danger were in their minds. They refrained from joining in the choruses — even the refrain of "Tipperary". But at the end of it all those who could stand stood up and joined in singing "Auld lang syne" and "God save the King".

Tomorrow (Monday) Mr Hicks and his company will give a concert at the General Hospital at Wimereux and the Christol Hospital at Boulogne, and in the evening they will entertain 1,000 men in the camp. On Tuesday they leave for Rouen.

AMENITIES OF THE TRENCHES

The *Vorwärts* prints the following account by a Berlin subaltern of an episode on the fighting line at some unnamed point in France where the opposing trenches are within earshot of each other:—

We are here only 20ft. from the French. Yesterday I was on duty at one of the points of closest contact. A non-commissioned officer asked me to scribble a few French words on a slip of paper which he would toss over to the Frenchmen. I did so, and was most curious to see what would happen. Presently we could hear quite clearly that the fellows across the way were reading the message aloud. Then I called across and asked a couple of questions in French. Somebody answered and inquired if I thought we should be home by Christmas, whether we were freezing at night, &c. Thereupon a voice suddenly called out to me in absolutely perfect German and asked where I was from.

In the course of further conversation he said he was a teacher and had for many years taught French at the Steglitz (Suburban Berlin) High School. He said I should ask if people in Steglitz remembered the teacher Perigard. Then he threw us over some tobacco, together with a packet of chocolate for me. During our conversation, which lasted about an hour, I began to talk about our Kaiser. The Frenchman made some remark which I could not quite understand, and then added that we had better not discuss politics.

University news

Oxford
The first professor to hold the now fully-funded Fiat-Serena Professorship of Italian Studies has been named as Dr John Woodhouse. Dr Woodhouse is currently University Lecturer in Italian and Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford.

Queen's, Belfast
Queen's University has agreed in principle to set up a School of Nursing in its Faculty of Medicine. The decision, announced by the university Senate, is in response to Project 2000, the report by the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting.

This report, which has recommended that nursing training should be increasingly integrated with higher education, has already been adopted by the Government and it is hoped that its recommendations will be implemented in Northern Ireland from September 1990.

Appointments
To the Chair of Chemistry: Professor Michael Anthony McKervey, Professor of Organic Chemistry at Unviersity College Cork.

To a Senior Lectureship/Consultancy in Restorative Dentistry: David Llewellyn Hussey.

Lectureships
Dental Surgery: Patricia Rosemary Duffin; Economics: John Esmond Birnie; Engineering Materials: Gerard Martin McNally; English: Dr Susan Baird Shatto; Environmental Monitoring: Dr Francis Gerard McCormac; Hispanic Studies: Mary Alma Conway; Information Management: Nigel Jeremy Cunningham; Institute of Professional Legal Studies: Pauline O'Hare; Law: David James Samuel Capper, Laura Mary Lundy; Physical Education: Christopher John Riddoch; Restorative Dentistry: Christina Anne Mitchell; Russian: Justin Francis Doherty.

Grant: £101,194 from the Science and Engineering Research Council to Professor Jack Smith and Dr Richard Rankin, of Computer Science, and Dr Andrew Taylor, of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering, is for the setting-up of a teaching company between Queen's and Pritchitt Foods. This brings the number of teaching partnerships at Queen's to 17.

Bristol
Sir Ian Lewis has been appointed a Pro-Chancellor of the University in succession to Dr D. M. Borland.

Council has approved the conferment of the title of Emeritus Professor upon Professor W. J. N. Rudd, who retired from his Chair in Latin at the end of the 1988-89 session.

Appointments to chairs
Pure Mathematics: Dr A. H. Schofield, BA (Cambridge), PhD (London). Lecturer in Mathematics at University College London.

Veterinary Medicine: Dr W. P. H. Duffus, BVSc, PhD (Liverpool), MA (Cambridge), MRCVS, Lecturer in Clinical Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University. He succeeds Professor F. J. Bourne.

Organic Chemistry: Dr T. J. Simpson, BSc (Edinburgh), PhD (Bristol) DSc (Edinburgh), Professor of Organic Chemistry, Leicester University. He succeeds Professor J. MacMillan, FRS.

UMIST
The university has appointed Dr Nathan Efron to a new Chair in Clinical Optometry, sponsored by Bausch and Lomb. Dr Efron is currently a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Optometry at the University of Melbourne.

Dr J. S. Cubbin is to join UMIST from his Readership in Economics at Queen Mary College, London University. At the School of Management he will be Professor of Economics. Dr Cubbin is editor of *Business Strategy Review* and Associate Editor of the *Journal of Industrial Economics*.

Dr Tony Peaker, the Director of the Centre for Electronic Materials, has taken up a promotional Chair in Electronic Materials in EE & E. He spent six years with Ferranti and has held research fellowships in Sweden and the US.

Hull
The following honorary degrees have been conferred:
Doctor of Divinity: Cardinal Basil Hume, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster.

Doctor of Laws: J. Hayden W. Glen, solicitor, formerly Town Clerk of the City and County of Kingston-upon-Hull, Chief Executive of Humberside County Council and member of the University Council since 1977.

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Was that the year?

TELEVISION
William Leith

Review of the Year (BBC 1) was a news programme about the past year's news programmes. It looked like an intensified version of the news programmes we watch every day. Jonathan Dimbleby, the presenter, could never quite get from the solemn, half-terrified look which news presenters have at the beginning of the news to the calm, twinkly expression they employ for the little comic item at the end. This was all serious stuff.

The programme was presented as if "1989" was something which had all happened within the past few hours, like a complicated Cabinet reshuffle, but somehow on a global scale. "1989," said Dimbleby, who seemed to be floating in the air (courtesy of computer graphics), "was like a play without an author, performed by actors without a script."

What he meant was that news is one of the few aspects of television in which people are not employed to write a script beforehand, thus adding an element of risk. The trouble is, of course, that news bulletins always are scripted and acted. They are written within rigid guidelines and delivered in a specific style of voice. The camera angles and the attitudes and the priorities are always the same. You realize this when you watch 90 minutes of them on the trot.

News, of course, favours extremes, which nearly always means the breaking up of established order. It favours politics over business matters. It favours the Northern Hemisphere over the Southern. A small event close to home is equivalent to a large one in Western Europe, a huge one in Eastern Europe, or a catastrophe in Africa or China.

This is what we saw: Tanks and guns in Tiananmen Square; Brazilian rain forests being razed; Vaclav Havel being slung in jail; Solidarity winning Poland's first democratic elections; Desert Orchid winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup; Ian Rush putting that last goal past Neville Southall to win the cup; The Queen changing to unleaded petrol and releasing hundreds of green balloons.

Throughout the programme, Dimbleby maintained his demeanour of questing excitement. He was clasping his hands together, but you could see the left flapping excitedly inside the right. At one point, photographs of those who had died in 1989 floated past, apparently on a stream (more computer graphics). Each person had a few seconds of sound-effects to represent them. When it came to Graham Chapman's turn, his voice said, "I've noticed a tendency of this programme to get rather silly." But there was nothing silly about this programme: it was sensible for 90 unrelieved minutes.

The Arts in the Eighties: **John Russell Taylor** looks at how the visual arts have re-embraced representation

Away with the abstract

In 1980 there was a big show at the Hayward Gallery entitled *Pier + Ocean*, which summed up a lot of the minimal and conceptual art of the previous decade under a label borrowed from Mondrian, who happily was not around to be consulted. Thank heavens, I thought, that we are in the Eighties now; we do not even have to pretend to take most of this nonsense seriously any more. And I was right, though I had not at that point foreseen the creation of the Turner Prize to substitute establishment endorsement for serious assessment. For what the Eighties have signified above all in art has been a return to representation.

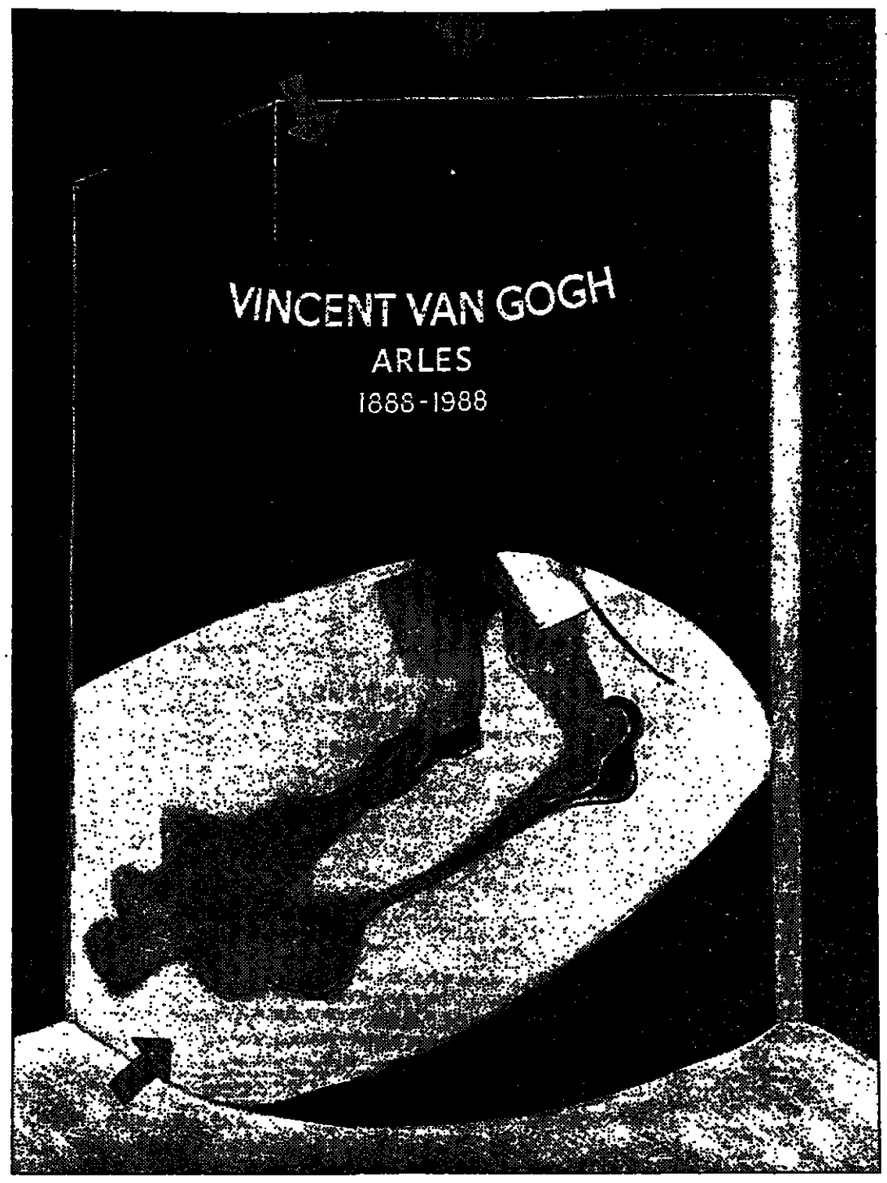
Exhibitions are usually the heralds of such changes; they focus and dramatize what many people are vaguely thinking and feeling, and offer a formulation, often no doubt too snappy and simplistic, which grabs the imagination. The first thing of that kind to happen during the Eighties was an enormous show in Paris, at the Pompidou Centre, entitled *Réalismes 1919-1939*. It sounds harmless and historical enough, but what it did was point out that even among the most serious and forward-looking artists, there had always been a representational alternative to abstraction.

Far from being isolated reactionaries who could be overlooked while we surveyed with satisfaction the highroad leading from Impressionism through Cubism to Abstraction, Minimalism, Conceptualism and, presumably, silence, the painters of the Neue Sachlichkeit in Weimar Germany, Léger and his associates in France, the Magic Realists in Italy, and even our own cherished eccentrics like Spencer and Burra began to seem intensely relevant.

Revolutionary shifts of sensibility seldom start in Britain. But the next big happening was the Royal Academy's 1981 show *A New Spirit in Painting*, which followed up such questionings of abstraction by launching internationally some dozen Italian and German artists who came to be known as Neo-Expressionists.

Whatever Kiefer and Penck and Baselitz and Chia and Clemente were about, it was definitely representational; and when the same organizers followed up with an even bigger show of the same in 1982 in Berlin, the title *Zeitgeist* for once seemed to sum it up: like it or not, this was the spirit of the times.

Possibly the British participants in *Zeitgeist* were trailing a bit, but in 1985 it became evident that something really significant was happening North of the Border when *New Image Glasgow* showed beyond doubt that we had our own thriving school of Expressionist Realists just out of art school and ready to conquer the world.



One great artist's tribute to another: Francis Bacon's poster for the 1988 Van Gogh exhibition held in Arles

It has been a decade of big shows. In 1980 people were confidently predicting that the international blockbuster of the Seventies, spawned by Tutankhamun, had had its day, rendered logistically impossible by the soaring costs of insurance and transportation, not to mention increasing concern for conservation.

Although this may be true, it has not appreciably reduced the number of blockbusters. Only in this decade the accent has been taken off the "treasures" show (that great British export to Washington *Treasure Houses of Britain* being an honourable exception), and squarely on to in-depth explorations of individual artists.

Naturally, given their approachability and the spectacular rises in their prices, the Impressionists and Post-Impressionists have led the field, with giant travelling shows devoted to Manet, Monet, Pissarro, Renoir, Degas, Gauguin and Toulouse-Lautrec, and no fewer than four of them to cover the whole career of Vincent van Gogh.

It has been a rather disturbing sign of the times that Britain has missed out on most of these (of those mentioned we have had only Pissarro and Renoir), but we can claim credit for the one which most spectacularly opened eyes and changed opinions, the Royal Academy's *Cézanne: The Early Years* in 1988.

We can also say that with many of these artists we have too little to bargain with, in the way of essential works in our own collections, and it is natural that the shows should go where the essential exhibits are to be found. And yet this does not apply only to shows of early moderns. During the decade, for instance, Spanish art has been re-explored in enormous moveable feasts devoted to El Greco, Zurbaran, Goya and Velazquez, but all we have seen is the saccharin Murillo.

Credit where credit is due: the Royal Academy has done well by us with its biennial series of surveys devoted to German, British and Italian art in the 20th century. Of course they have maddened just about everybody, for one reason or another, but they have started us talking and thinking, and put us on the spot to come up with better formulations.

We have also been, on a more modest level, exploring our own Romantic history in a series of shows which began with the Tate Gallery's exemplary *Pre-Raphaelites* in 1984 and included the Barbican's *The Last Romantics* this year and, out of order, *A Paradise Lost* (about the Romantic painters of the Forties) in 1987. Other memorable shows along these lines included *Hard Times*, also in 1987, which for those who made the trip to Manchester was most enlightening about the strain of working-class realism in Victorian art.

Coming more up to date, a decade which has seen the deaths of our three artist O.M.s, Sutherland, Moore and Nicholson, has also seen the universal (well, almost universal) acceptance of Francis Bacon as the greatest living painter, and the arrival without major mishap of David Hockney at his half-century, still amazingly public, amazingly private and following his own star.

Major disappointments were the Royal Academy's much-touted Neapolitan show and the Tate's Gainsborough, both vitiated by being apparently put together by scholars for scholars, with no care for the public at large, while the Saatchi Collection, in itself a fascinating phenomenon of the decade, fell spectacularly on its face by launching its acquisitions of *NY Art Now* in 1988 to almost unrelieved ridicule and contempt.

Particular delights for me were the revelation of Nordic Symbolist art in the Barbican's exhibition, *Dreams of a Summer Night* and the rediscovery of such neglected Brits (or Brits-by-adoption) as Glyn Philpot through the National Portrait Gallery and Marie-Louise von Motesiczky through the Goethe Institute. If there are more such delights in the Nineties, we should not have too much cause for complaint.

Big Top, small deal

THEATRE
Jeremy Kingston

Barnum
Shepherds Bush Green

A production that comes before a paying audience in so poor a condition as this one makes you realize that there are times when the show must not go on.

Elements of a passable revival of Cy Coleman's 1980 musical are here and there evident, and the notion of staging a show about the "Great Showman" in a big top (centrally heated, air-conditioned) has a certain aptness to it. For one thing, the production will be able to tour, as Barnum's own shows did, visiting places where the theatres lack facilities for high-wire acrobatics.

On the other hand, these are a very small feature of the entertainment, such as it is. Peter Duncan, playing Phineas T. Barnum, almost makes it to the end of a tightrope and does a bit of trapeze work suspended by his ankles. But if the Half Moon Theatre can mount a display as elaborate as their admirable *Circus Maximus*, then it is clear that a conventional theatre stage is not

Peter Duncan: no manic urgency

essential for the modest gymnastics of this revival.

A supporting cast of tumblers and jugglers do turns between the songs. The most complex of these inserts is the dismantling of a tower of bricks, the individual bricks being tossed from hand to hand in a zig-zag across the stage, but this is far from supporting the legend of the "Greatest Show on Earth".

I did not see the previous London production, which starred Michael Crawford, and knew little of Barnum before joining the queue waiting, with surprising patience, to be allowed into the tent on Shepherds Bush Green. I know little more about him now, because of the atrocious acoustics which reduced all but a few lines of the songs, and scarcely more of the dialogue, to total incomprehensibility. The words of the miked performers sounded as if they are transmitted through the sonic equivalent of a stroboscope, disjointed bursts of noise, while unmiked performers are inaudible. The expressions of despair on the faces of the couple working the console in Row M were more riveting than anything happening on stage.

The production has been jinxed by the withdrawal, through illness, of the original director, Paul Kerryson (his replacement is John Redgrave), but until the sound system has been properly rehearsed and balanced, the show is not worth the entrance money.

Even then, the occasion is going to be low on thrills. Why should we care if Barnum's American Museum burns down, when the fact is reported in a couple of sentences and Duncan does not look as if he minded much? Anyone prepared to hang by his ankles deserves a round of applause, but he displays none of the manic urgency the original must have possessed. I liked Roni Page (Mrs Barnum) singing about colours — the single verse of the evening I heard from beginning to end. The other performers play gamely, but for all we could tell, they might have been speaking Albanian.

MARTY SOHL

Saracen: Jeffrey Gall as Ruggiero

Bold excursion into the kindergarten of Baroque opera

OPERA
Paul Moor

Orlando furioso
San Francisco Opera
San Francisco

In Baroque times, some composers turned out operas like housewives shelling peas. A prolific red-haired Venetian priest at San Marco, Antonio Vivaldi, merely betwixt and between his clerical obligations, turned out 94 operas, in addition to an unstanched avalanche of other works in every conceivable form; 16 of those operas survive: how many of history's opera composers could list even a *total* of 16?

Nine years ago, in Verona, Pier-Luigi Pizzi staged a production of Vivaldi's *Orlando furioso* which ignited new international interest in Vivaldi as an operatic composer. Now a latter-day Pizzi production has hit the San Francisco Opera, and it has brought us an operatic experience of major importance.

That experience begins with the music; what an astonishing proportion of sheer melodic inspiration! A fine cast makes the most of it, and Pizzi, designer as well as stage director, has framed it with visual elegance and theatrical wit which make the performance irresistible.

Lodovico Ariosto's 1533 epic poem about Charlemagne's nephew, whom the French and Germans call not Orlando but Roland, inspired works in the various arts for three centuries to follow. If you know Handel's *Alcina*, you know the essentials of what Grazio Braccioli threw together as a libretto for Vivaldi. The saga of Orlando exercised a sort of science-fiction fascination for people in that era, not dissimilar to the attraction of *Star Wars* in our own.

The sorceress Alcina, King Arthur's daughter, draws her magic powers and eternal life from an urn containing Merlin's ashes. Simply put: Orlando = Superman.

The Saracen knight Ruggiero rides a winged horse, and so on. The story, however, focuses on love. Orlando's frustrated love for Angelica, which drives him *furioso*; that is to say, mad.

Few items in literature can match the sheer preposterousness of Baroque opera librettos; staging them with the necessary minimum of credibility to forestall inadvertent guffaws requires all the talent the hapless stage director can muster. Braccioli's dramaturgy rarely rises above the kindergarten level; Pizzi, without condescension, congenially meets him on that same level.

In the opening scene, at sea, we find Angelica in a rowing boat, wearing a vast gown reminiscent of Louis XIV's Versailles. When she mentions a raft bearing her lover Medoro, it obligingly appears, shoved onstage from the wings. The prow of Alcina's magnificent yacht glides in from the opposite side, the customary mast replaced by a Corinthian column topped with a cupid.

When Alcina says Ruggiero has just landed on a golden horse, the rest of the yacht heaves into view and there is Ruggiero, with steed, on the yacht's stern. Repeatedly the audience laughs, with Pizzi, but good-naturedly — not at the opera, but with it.

Marilyn Horne, no doubt the *raison d'être* for this production, excels in the title role; rarely does one encounter so deep and rich a contralto combined with the flexibility of the coloratura soprano. The countertenor Jeffrey Gall, as Ruggiero, Kathleen Kuhlmann as Alcina, Kevin Langan as Astolfo, William Matteuzzi as Medoro, Susan Patterson as Angelica and Sandra Walker as Bradamante, make up the exceptionally strong cast.

Sir John Pritchard, this house's late music director, was responsible for preparing this production; at the performance I attended Randall Behr stepped in to conduct very well indeed.

Handel, in recent years, has enjoyed a widespread revival as an operatic composer. On the evidence of *Orlando furioso* alone, one hopes the musicological archaeologists will now divert their attention to this jolly red-haired Venetian priest, whose lyrical and melodic inspiration seemed to know no bounds.

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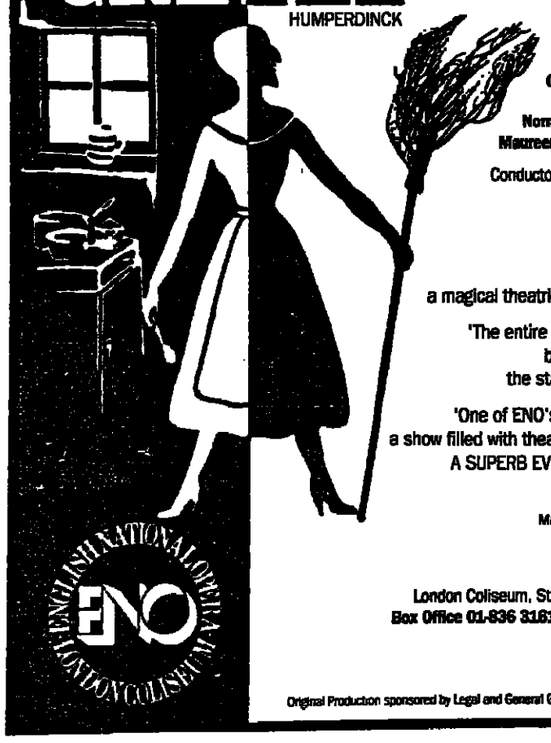

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The young choreographer William Tuckett, whose first work for the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet opens tonight, talks to **Debra Craine**

William Tuckett did not set out to become a choreographer. But at barely 20 years of age, and just 18 months out of school, he has his first work for a national ballet company receiving its London premiere tonight. His second piece for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet is premiered in the spring and a third has already been commissioned by the Rambert Dance Company.

Tuckett is recognized as a choreographer of promise, with a precocious talent that could develop into an exciting career. Yet three years ago, when he entered the Royal Ballet Upper School, his only thought was of becoming a dancer.

"It's really through a fluke that I'm doing choreography. It was never anything that actually I was terribly interested in. I won the school choreographic prize in my first year with a piece that I put together a week before the competition. It took off from there," he says in his engagingly straightforward fashion.

More choreography followed — as did more awards — and by the time he left school in 1988, he had made a dozen dances. Joining Sadler's Wells as a performer in September 1988 gave him a base and potentially a springboard to the realization of his choreographic aspirations.

As proof of his commitment to nurturing young choreographers, company director Peter Wright has set aside four weeks a year devoted solely to rehearsing new ideas.

ADRIAN BROOKS

William Tuckett: engagingly straightforward and barely 20 years old

Tuckett says that "being in Sadler's Wells makes it easier for me to choreograph, because this company is able to take risks that the Royal Ballet can't. We can put something on while we are touring provincial towns and there isn't the same risk as putting something on at the Opera House which may fail."

His first piece for SWRB, *Those Unheard*, a one-act ballet set to Benjamin Britten's Sea Interludes from *Peter Grimes*, is worth the risk. The story of a woman so inexorably drawn to the sea that she gives herself to it, it is at best a deeply moving metaphor of faith and betrayal, and at worst an ambitious statement that occasionally loses its voice.

"It's only about suicide in very general terms, as a way of expressing the idea that you think you're in control of decisions but actually you're not and you only realize you're not when it's too late, so you've not been in control of the situation at all."

Poignantly, the choreography was affected by the fact that Tuckett's older brother died two days before he started *Those Unheard*. "It had to take whatever course it was taking. I was in a way very out of control of what I was doing. It was just happening."

Despite the serious nature of his theme, Tuckett's approach to choreography is relaxed: "The rehearsals dissolved into picnics." Although he chooses to work with classically-trained dancers, he abhors the stuffiness of classical ballet and prefers the post-modern technique of Merce Cunningham. But Tuckett is a realist, like another of his choreographic heroes, Sir Kenneth MacMillan, whose influence can be felt in *Those Unheard*.

And, like MacMillan, Tuckett wants to make an audience confront reality through the power and energy of his work. *Those Unheard* attempts to shake those who believe we are masters of our own fate; if it is flawed, the choreographer is unapologetic.

"I actually quite like it because it's flawed. It doesn't do everything that I wanted it to do. It's swamped by the music at times. The music is just too powerful and I haven't got enough experience to know how to handle it yet. But I wouldn't change it now."

It sells, but is it really any good?

Steve Turner

Bon Jovi
NEC, Birmingham

Undoubtedly Bon Jovi is good at what it has set out to achieve. The question remains: is what it has set out to achieve any good?

The band from New Jersey, which has sold 26 million albums to date, specializes in a flamboyant form of hard rock. It is loud enough to prevent it becoming elevator music, but melodic enough to get into the charts.

The formula is familiar. A handsome, hunky vocalist with flowing tresses and an immense admiration for himself and anyone else who shares this view. A lead guitarist not afraid to wear ridiculous clothing and to strain like a blacksmith when performing the simple act of string plucking. A strong, silent bass player; a pretty, yet anonymous, keyboard "wizard"; and a drummer content to stay in the background until after the last number.

Bon Jovi's songs again follow the formula. These are numbers about how Jon Bon Jovi loves his baby but, regretably, is far too restless to settle down; songs about being wild, being free and rocking out. Anthems such as "Lay Your Hands On Me" and "Livin' On A Prayer" encourage much punching of the air and singing along on the choruses. A few victory signs are flashed.

Jon Bon Jovi has a good voice, but the songs are rarely slow enough or quiet enough for him to display it.

One senses that he had a choice of being Bruce Springsteen or David Lee Roth and opted for the latter.

Many of the songs are plain ordinary, but then there is always spectacle to compensate. A show that begins with on-stage explosions and pulsating lasers hardly ever lets up.

For "Let It Rock" the drum podium rotates, smoke billows and Jon Bon Jovi rises from beneath the stage with hands outstretched. A walkway descends from the ceiling which then allows him to run half the length of the auditorium over the heads of an admiring audience.

Bon Jovi music can only really work for you if you believe in the Bon Jovi myth. If you don't believe, you are left with the sound of one man worshipping himself in the mirror of an audience and an audience worshipping itself in the mirror of a man.

● *Bon Jovi play at Wembley Arena on January 2, 3, 4, and in King's Hall, Belfast, on January 6*

The personal touch of 'talent managers' is the secret of success in the label world. **Mike Nicholls** reports

Letting the spirit run free

A few years before Richard Branson established Virgin Records, a handful of entrepreneurs put together a similarly exclusive operation. The EG Group was involved with management, publishing and making records.

But whereas other independent labels such as Island, Chrysalis and Virgin could be identified as record companies, EG had a different approach. In conjunction with the artists, it made the records, produced art-work for the sleeves and then licensed the release through a larger label.

This kind of set-up could hardly be as profitable as running a small corporation and taking a large cut on every record sold. But 20 years later, Virgin has partly been sold to the Japanese, Chrysalis is half-owned by Americans and Island has been fully absorbed by the Dutch. EG remains independent, with its élitist identity intact.

That has been shaped by the hand-picked (and reared) artists which have passed through its Chelsea offices over the years. These include Marc Bolan, King Crimson, Emerson Lake and Palmer and Roxy Music, as well as spin-offs such as Bryan Ferry and Brian Eno. This year EG has celebrated its two decades in business by releasing handsomely packaged box sets of CDs by most of these artists.

They will be of limited edition status, as one might expect from Sam Alder and Mark Fenwick. Now in their early forties, they own and have been running EG for most of its existence.

Both come from commercial backgrounds, and on graduating both were equally determined not to go into their family firms. For Alder this would have meant looking after hotels and other property interests on the Isle of Man. Fenwick shares the name of the chain of department stores in whose running he was destined to be involved: he is now executive chairman of the Bond Street branch. "But that's about as far as my interest in retailing goes. Fortunately there are lots of cousins," he adds.

Tall, well-groomed and urbane, Fenwick could have created Ferry in his own image. He was, in fact, part of the team who created one of the most enduring looks in pop, "but the basic idea came from Bryan". Fenwick exudes the same air of sophistication as Ferry, but underneath there is a core as tough as Tyneside coal. Like the singer, he is from Newcastle — but one assumes that Fenwick did not require elocution lessons.

Sam Alder and Mark Fenwick: independent with an élitist reputation

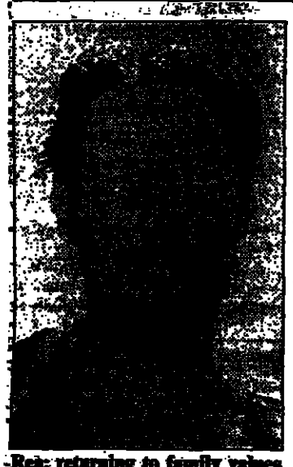
It is tempting to imagine Fenwick as the creative strategist, and the articulate Alder as more of an administrator. But as the latter points out, the whole *raison d'être* behind EG was to expend energy on matters more important than bureaucracy. "The idea was to work with artists who wanted things done in a particular way," explains Alder. "Over the years record companies have not been noted for their over-sensitivity when it comes to dealing with artists' careers, so we were to be a buffer between highly creative individuals and the market place.

"We saw ourselves as talent managers. We didn't want to have big offices, lots of staff and forever be making phone calls to factories about pressing records. All that gets in the way of artistry." Although the financial downside of this attitude is collecting only a maximum of 25 per cent of artists' royalties, there are advantages too. "Whereas record companies have to fight troughs and slumps, we have managed to stabilize business. That's why we're still here 20 years later," says Fenwick.

"On the other hand, a medium-sized label might have a multi-million selling artist on whom the rest of that company depends. If that act then only sells a few hundred thousand records with his next album, the whole company could be in trouble."

The one regret of the EG duo is that they do not manage young artists any more. "For nine years we tried with Killing Joke, who absolutely knocked us out when we first saw them," says Fenwick, "but the radio could never understand them. They had a large cult following but were ideologically uncompromising. In other words, they wouldn't behave themselves in interviews!"

On the other hand, perhaps the Eighties have not really produced sufficient suitable talent. One only needs to look at the fate of some of the acts which started the decade so encouragingly — Culture Club, Madness, Dexys Midnight Runners and Paul Young, for example. It is no surprise that the Rolling Stones and The Who can still appeal to millions, if all the young guns have run out of steam.



Reis: returning to family values

The home-loving heart of Chris Rea

Were you to compile a list of the world's least stylish men, you could do worse than begin with Chris Rea. Not long ago Rea and his band attended a pop festival in Ibiza, and were mistaken for a road crew among the radical haircuts and designer clothes of the chart élite. Rea does not act like a rock star.

"Well, I'm just embarrassed by anything like that," he groans, in his thick Middlesbrough growl. But the fashion-proof north-easterner has become a solid success in the Chablis-and-CD market. His last four LPs have all sold in excess of a million copies, and his new collection, *The Road to Hell*, is certain to follow suit.

It is something of a departure for Rea. Alongside mellow, atmospheric pieces such as "Texas", in which his fondness for the likes of Dire Straits and Ry Cooder are all too evident, there are songs which address society's mad, materialistic rush. In "You Must Be Evil", he castigates television for frightening his young daughter with gratuitous shock and horrors.

Rea's view is that of the moderate family man trying to make sense of an increasingly chaotic world, and he feels England has lost its values.

"England has become completely media-controlled. English people, as reasonable people, are in danger of being obliterated by television and the tabloids. I'm absolutely horrified at what people are watching. The soap operas, the soap celebrities and that type of life doesn't seem to exist in France and Germany and Belgium and Holland."

Rea makes no bones about his priorities — family life first, with his career slotted in around them as comfortably as possible. He could tour far more extensively than he does, and earn millions in the process. "But life becomes precious when you get over 30," he said. I don't see the point of having a few million extra in the bank and being in Milwaukee or Wisconsin or Indianapolis, while your kids are in London."

The musicians he admires are people such as Eric Clapton and Mark Knopfler, men for whom fashion similarly comes a poor second to their music-making. "I don't think you can help the middle-aged rock thing," he says, aware that, at 38, he is so described by critics. "Rock 'n' roll didn't come into being so that it would live and die, and you cannot bring back the beginning."

His career nearly ended seven years ago, after a classic rags-to-rags experience. A late starter from an Italian-Irish family who sold their own Rea's ice-cream in their family café, he signed with Magnet Records in 1977, and had a Top 10 hit in the United States with "Fool If You Think It's Over" the following year.

Then his brilliant start evaporated in frustration and a string of disappointing records as the era of punk rock swept through Britain. The angry young writers on the music papers, when they noticed Rea, left him smeared all over the carpet.

"The worst thing was that there were some writers on the *Melody Maker* and the *New Musical Express* and *Sounds* whose stuff I used to like, and it used to hurt me so much that I agreed with them. I'd get a good slagging in the paper and I'd think 'he's right!' "

Rea felt miserable and dislocated. It was only the insistence of his wife, Joan, that he move to London and start again on his own terms, that kept him afloat.

Then Rea signed up with Queen's manager, Jim Beach, who arranged for the singer to have two free weeks' recording time at Queen's Montreux studios. He cut the *Water Sign* album at breakneck speed, and it sold 200,000 copies. "It isn't Michael Jackson, but 200,000 on a two-week album is very good business".

So life goes on, bringing with it the occasional Ferrari to soften the blows.

● *Chris Rea's UK tour begins in Brighton tonight, and he plays Wembley Arena on January 5 and 6.*

Raymond Charles

Peel's people ring out once again

David Sinclair

The Peel Sessions Albums (Strange Fruit):
The Undertones (SFR 106)
Stiff Little Fingers (SFR 106)
The Only Ones (SFR 102)
Microdisney (SFR 105)

"I think a lot of the stuff I'm playing now is crap," John Peel commented recently, and perhaps the only real surprise is how long it has taken him to admit it.

But listening to one of his Festive Fifty programmes on Radio One recently I was also struck by how predictable the 50-year-old DJ's formerly ground-breaking formula has become. As he cheerfully fumbled about, mumbling apologies for putting on the wrong track from a Pixies album and making enthusiastic noises about The Fall, it sounded as if, give or take a couple of world music selections, the show could have been broadcast at any time during the past 10 years.

Sociologist Simon Frith may have something when he suggests in his new collection of essays, *Facing the Music* (published January 22, Mandarin, £4.50) that "the rock story is ending". It is also Frith's contention that "music radio . . . continues to be the basic rock institution", in which case, if John Peel's show is anything to go by, there seems little doubt that the most important chapters in the story of rock were indeed written earlier than one might have thought.

Peel's influence in shaping the course of British rock has, of course, been monumental, but although acts like the Faces, Led Zeppelin, David Bowie and numerous others of a similar vintage made their radio debuts on his shows, Peel is now best known for his insidious efforts on behalf of the succeeding generation of upstart punks who attempted, with mixed results, to set

Crusading John Peel: his fiefdom has lately become a ghetto

applecarts a-rolling in the second half of the Seventies.

Many of the acts he championed in the Sixties subsequently became the sort of bloated megastars that Peel, in the main, despises. But Peel is now a bigger star himself than practically any of the New Wavers and Indie-rockers for whom his patronage was and still is so important. This has been something of a mixed blessing for a group like The Fall, which, despite a major record company deal and a couple of bona fide hits will forever be known as a Peel band with all the attendant overtones of high credibility, probable eccentricity and low marketability that such a label implies. His fiefdom has latterly become something of a ghetto.

The latest batch of Peel sessions to find their way out of the BBC archives and in to the shops includes a set by the band to whose mast Peel nailed his colours more firmly than any other: the Undertones. He described their 1978 début, "Teenage Kicks", as "the best pop single of all time" and played it night after night on his show with the unremitting zeal of the true missionary. Fearful that they might set him off again, the Londonderry quintet, not surprisingly, gave the song a wide berth when they came to record their sessions, and it is conspicuous by its absence from a crisp 12-track collection which includes "Family Entertainment", "Here Comes the Summer" and a sprightly canter through Gary Glitter's "Rock 'n' Roll".

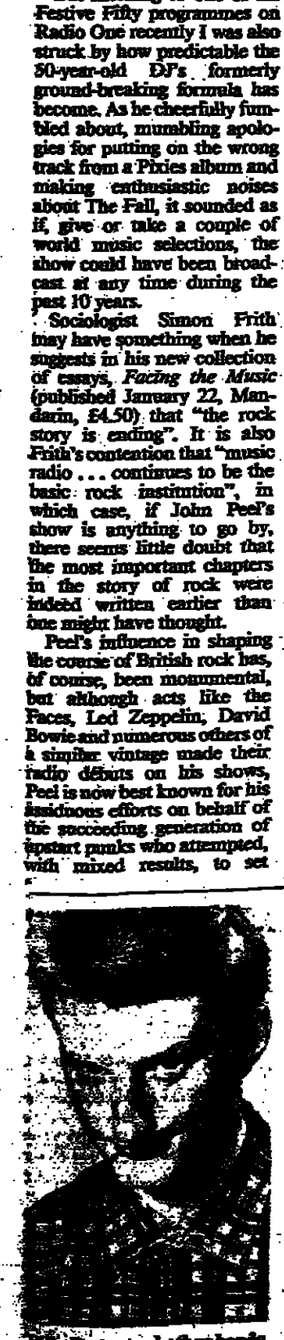
Stiff Little Fingers was another group (from Belfast) over which Peel went completely potty and whose work arguably found its best expression in the rushed conditions of the BBC studios where songs were (probably still are) hammered out during the day in blocks of four per eight-hour session and mixed the same evening. Several of these (re-mastered) performances, including a wired version of "Suspect Device", certainly sound as good as anything SLF recorded, to my knowledge, anywhere else.

However, it is the seedy decadence of The Only Ones that is most amply represented in this selection of discs. Guided by the rampant, sensual gloom of the skeletal singer and songwriter Peter Perrett and coloured by John Perry's incongruously well organized lead guitar, they recorded 16 songs which Perry now claims are more representative of The Only Ones sound than the equivalent album versions. "No Peace for the Wicked", "From Here to Eternity" and a rushed version of their almost-hit "Another Girl, Another Planet" are among the highlights.

Microdisney was a group of a later vintage with rather different pretensions. Their sessions, recorded between 1983-85, reveal a pop sensibility tainted by an irredeemably churlish attitude, and although they won fulsome critical praise, the group never found the wider market they so obviously craved.

Queen: Queen at the Beeb (Band Of Joy BOJLP 001)

All eight of the tracks here, including "Keep Yourself Alive" and "Liar", subsequently turned up on Queen's first two albums, but were first recorded at the BBC and broadcast on the Radio One show *Sounds of the 70s*. The under-resourced production is barely able to cope with the group's wildly ambitious, progressive rock arrangements. The sleeve notes, which are almost as far over the top as Freddie Mercury's grand designs, declare this to be "a major milestone in the annals of rock". It is in fact an amusing curiosity, likely to be of some interest to dedicated fans of an archivist bent.



Billy Bragg and other bands

WEEKENDERS

Compiled by David Sinclair, David Toop and Rose Rouse

BILLY BRAGG: All-round champion of the Proletarian Way and occasional contributor to *The Times* letters page takes up his traditional New Year residency. Hackney Empire, 291 Mare St, London E8 (01-985 2424). Tomorrow, with the Oyster Band and Dead Famous People 8.30pm, £7. Sunday, with the Oyster Band and Coming Up Roses 8.30pm, £9. Monday, with the Oyster Band and Hank Wangford, 8.30pm, £7.

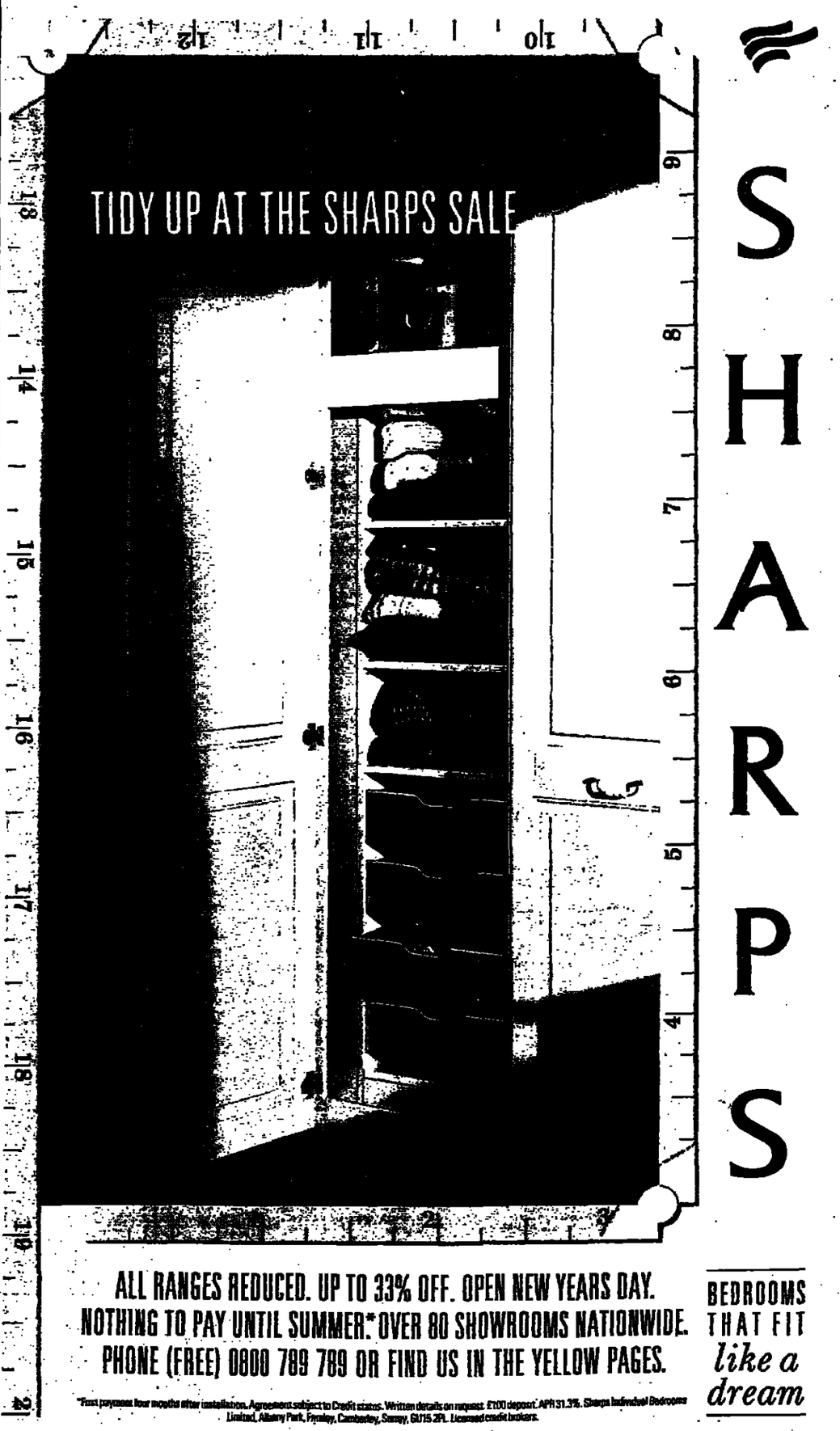
WILKO JOHNSON: With his dramatic straight-arm, pump-action, bare-knuckle guitar technique, the ex-Dr Feelgood, Canvey Island stalwart remains a demonic, if unchanging, presence on the R 'n' B club circuit.
Royal Standard, 1 Blackhorse Lane, London E17 (01-527 1966). Tomorrow 8pm, £4.
Cricketers, Kennington Oval, London SE11 (01-735 3059). Sunday, 8.30pm-12.30am, £6.50-£7.50.

HAJI JB AND THE FUNK AMBASSADORS: The understandable fixation upon James Brown's minimalist funk from the Sixties and early Seventies has been profitable for Brown's sidemen. Haji, once a member of JB's horn section, now strikes out on his own.
Mean Fiddler, High St, Harlesden, London, NW10 (01-961 5490). Tonight, 8pm, £6.

SOMO SOMO: Soukous Band founded by Zairean guitarist Fan Fan.
Africa Centre, King St, London WC2. (01-836 1973). Tomorrow, 9pm, £6.

REVIEW OF THE EIGHTIES: Masochists wishing to relive the last decade within the space of nine hours will probably find a little of the best and a great deal of the worst at this multi-media event.
Academy, Brixton, London, SW9 (01-326 1022). Tonight, 9pm-6am, £25.

FABULOUS SINGLETTES: Three Australian girls who have delved into the past and come up with a biting reposte to Phil Spector's Sixties all-girls groups. They have got beehives to match their razor-sharp wit.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, London SE1. (01-928 8800). Today and tomorrow, 7.45pm, £6.50-£8.50.



WEEKEND INFORMATION SERVICE

This selective guide to entertainment and events throughout Britain appears from Monday to Friday, followed in the Review section on Saturday by a preview of the week ahead. Items should be sent to The Times Information Service, PO Box 7, 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN

BOOKING KEY
☆ Seats available
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THEATRE

LONDON

★ **'ALLO 'ALLO:** Positively last chance to see the Queen Mum's favourite show on stage. Pitch your expectations low. **Palladium Theatre**, Argyle St, W1 (01-437 7373). Tube: Oxford Circus. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.30pm, mats Wed 2.45pm and Sat 5.30pm, £3.75-£16.50.

★ **ASPECTS OF LOVE:** Lloyd Webber musical based on a David Garnett novella: many dull patches. **Prince of Wales Theatre**, Coventry St, (01-839 5972). Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm, £15-£35.

☆ **BLOOD BROTHERS:** Willy Russell's sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Angela Richards as their mother. **Albery Theatre**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tube: Leicester Sq. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-6pm, and Sat 4-7pm, £6.90-£18.50. (D)

☆ **THE LADY OR THE TIGER:** Great family show for Christmas, revival of the Orange Tree's favourite musical based on the old dilemma, smashing tunes. **Orange Tree Theatre**, Kew Rd, Richmond (01-940 3633). Tube: Richmond. Mon-Sat 8pm. Weekday mats today, Jan 4, and Jan 5, 2.30pm. Sat mats 4.30pm, £3.50-£6.50.

☆ **NOEL AND GERTIE:** Patricia Hodge and Simon Cadell spar, sing and dance in Sheridan Morley's trip down Memory Lane. **Comedy Theatre**, Panton St, SW1 (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.45pm, mats Wed 3pm, Sat 6pm, £5.50-£16.

☆ **THARK:** Christmas treat: Griff Rhys Jones and Dinsdale Landen in the classic Aldwych farce. **Lyric Theatre**, King St, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £9-£15. All mats £9.

OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: ☆ **Oliver Twist:** Poorhouse boy asks for more, steals a hankie but finds happiness in new stage version by Jeremy Brock. **Theatre Royal**, King Street, 7.30pm, £4-£11 (0272 250250).

LIVERPOOL: ☆ **Great Expectations:** Cheryl Kennedy sings Miss Havisham, Robert Hands and Tracy Childs play the troubled young lovers, in musical version of Dickens. **Playhouse**, Williamson Square, 7.30pm, £1-£6.90 (051 709 8363).

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
≋ **Advance booking possible**

■ **BACK TO THE FUTURE II (PG):** Enjoyably antic but over-ingenious sequel to the 1985 hit, with Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd zipping to-and-fro through the time spectrum; directed as before by Robert Zemeckis (108 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.10, 5.25, 8.10. Late Fri, Sat 11.00.
≋ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.15 (Closed Sun).
Empire (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 2.00 (Sat only), 4.10, 6.30, 8.50. (Closed Sun).
Whiteley's 2 (01-792 3303). Progs 11.00, 11.30, 1.30, 2.00, 4.30, 7.05, 7.15, 9.40.

■ **BATMAN (12):** Michael Keaton's Caped Crusader combats Jack Nicholson's outrageously evil Joker. Visually diverting, but dramatically undernourished. Tim Burton directs (126 min).
≋ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 12.10, 2.45, 5.30, 8.30.

■ **DEAD POETS SOCIETY (PG):** Fiery portrait of modern youth from director Peter Weir, with Robin Williams as an English teacher who instils his pupils with a dangerous love of poetry (128 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 6.25, 9.15 (Closed Sun).
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Prog 8.20pm (Closed Sun).
Odeon Kensington (01-602 5193). Progs 12.20, 5.35. Progs 11.45, 2.35, 5.30 (not Sun), 8.30 (not Sun). Late Fri, Sat 11.15.
Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 2.55, 5.50, 8.30. Late Sat 11.15. (Closed Sun).
Whiteley's Bayswater (01-792 3303). Progs 8.45.

■ **INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE (PG):** Indy (Harrison Ford) hunts for his missing dad (Sean Connery): a satisfying blend of character and action, directed by Steven Spielberg (127 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.00. Late Fri, Sat 11.00.
Plaza (01-200 0200). Progs 12.30, 3.05, 5.45, 8.30. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.

■ **LETHAL WEAPON 2 (15):** Dynamic sequel to the 1987 hit, with Mel Gibson and Danny Glover as the psychopathic cop and side-kick pursuing drug-smuggling diplomats. Directed as before by Richard Donner (113 min).
≋ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30. Late Fri, Sat 11.10.

■ **LICENCE TO KILL (15):** Timothy Dalton returns as James Bond on a mission of vengeance in Latin America. A superior adventure directed by John Glen (113 min).
≋ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.15, 3.00, 5.45, 8.30. Late Fri, Sat 11.55.

■ **SHIRLEY VALENTINE (15):** Warm-hearted film with the popular touch; Pauline Collins repeats her stage role as the Liverpool housewife rediscovering romance (109 min).
Empire (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30 (not Sun). Late Fri, Sat 11.15.
≋ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.20 (Closed Sun).
Whiteley's Bayswater (01-792 3303). 11.15, 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.25.

1989 TOP UK FILMS

1. **Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade** (Released June 30 1989)
2. **Who Framed Roger Rabbit** (Released December 2 1988)
3. **Batman** (Released August 11 1989)
4. **Rain Man** (Released March 3 1989)
5. **The Naked Gun** (Released February 10 1989)
6. **Licence to Kill** (Released June 18 1989)
7. **Lethal Weapon II** (Released September 15 1989)
8. **Twins** (Released March 17 1989)
9. **Dead Poets Society** (Released September 22 1989)
10. **Cocktail** (Released January 20 1989)
11. **Shirley Valentine** (Released October 13 1989)
12. **A Fish Called Wanda** (Released October 14 1988)
13. **See No Evil, Hear No Evil** (Released September 1 1989)
14. **The Accused** (Released February 17 1989)
15. **Moonwalker** (Released December 26 1988)
16. **Scandal** (Released March 3 1989)
17. **The Karate Kid III** (Released July 28 1989)
18. **Back to the Future II** (Released November 24 1989)
19. **Working Girl** (Released March 3 1989)
20. **Die Hard** (Released February 3 1989)

Up-dated one-liners

Dubious conduct: Richard Greager and Sheila Smith as Eisenstein and Rosalinde in *Die Fledermaus*

The satirical edges of Johann Strauss's effervescent, seasonal operetta *Die Fledermaus* are savagely sharpened in Simon Callow's production, revived by Scottish Opera. Callow relocates the action to contemporary Glasgow in an attempt to find modern parallels for the dubious moral conduct of the privileged classes of the Viennese Belle Epoque. Kit Hesketh-Harvey's lively new English version, studded with one-liners of variable quality, and Bruno Fantini's chic designs both make much play with the ethos and *mores* of Thatcher's Britain. With the exception of Amy Burton as Adele, all the principals are new to the production. The American soprano Sheila Smith, rapidly making a reputation for herself in her home country, makes her UK début as Rosalinde, while her errant husband is played by the New Zealand tenor Richard Greager. As the prison governor Frank, Bill McCue is in charge of Barlinnie, and the spoken part of his turnkey Frosch is delivered, in the style of a broad Glaswegian stand-up comic, by Graham de Banzie. Scottish Opera musical director John Manceri takes over on the rostrum. Simon Callow's operatic début in Britain was greeted with appreciative laughter hilarity by audiences the first time round. The critics weren't so sure. Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 248 4567). £5-£25.50. Tonight 7.15pm. In repertory until Feb 24 and touring to Edinburgh, Liverpool and Newcastle. *Barry Millington*

CONCERTS

TODAY

☆ **ALL TCHAIKOVSKY:** The London Concert Orchestra is conducted by James Blair in Tchaikovsky's Suites from *The Sleeping Beauty*, *The Nutcracker*, Piano Concerto No 1 (James Lisney, soloist) and the *1812* Overture with cannon and mortar effects. **Barbican Centre**, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 3-5pm, £6.50-£14.50.

CANDELIT AID: To raise funds for an extension to Aldeburgh Hospital, Mstislav Rostropovich plays Bach suites for unaccompanied cello by candlelight. **The Maltings**, Snape, Suffolk (0728 453 543), 6pm, £25, £35.

KING AND CONSORT: The King's Consort, whose membership includes Rogers Covey-Crump (tenor) and Crispian Steele-Perkins (natural trumpet), offer items by Purcell, Vivaldi and Telemann. Robert King conducts. **Wigmore Hall**, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £5-£10.

TOMORROW

ORLANDO OPPORTUNITY: A chance of hearing the Orlando Consort, with Robert Harre-Jones (counter tenor) among others, in a programme of medieval Christmas music. **Wigmore Hall**, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £4-£7.

SUNDAY

☆ **ALL STRAUSS:** Directed by John Bradbury, the Johann Strauss Orchestra and Johann Strauss Dancers combine for a Viennese welcome to the New Year with music by several members of the Strauss family including the *Feuerfest* Polka, *Wiener Blut* Waltz, *Eingesendet* Polka, *Aquarellen* Waltz, *Ohne Sorgen* Polka, *Tales from the Vienna Woods* Waltz, *Cuckoo* Polka and *Roses from the South* Waltz. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 3.15-5.15pm: £6-£14; 7.30-9.30pm: £7.50-£15.50.

DANCE

☆ **FAÇADE:** Ashton's pretty work for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet with London premiere of Ballanchine's *Divertimento No 15*, Vincent Redmon's *Auras* and William Tuckett's *Those Unheard*. **Sadler's Wells Theatre**, Rosebery Ave, London EC2 (01-278 8916) today 7.30pm, tomorrow 2.30 and 7.30pm, £4-£22.50.

☆ **THE NUTCRACKER:** English National Ballet's perennial Christmas production of Tchaikovsky's ever-popular music. **Royal Festival Hall**, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800) tonight and tomorrow 7.30pm, £5-£19.50.

OPERA

☆ **THE LOVE FOR THREE ORANGES:** Richard Jones's outstanding Prokofiev production, first seen at Opera North, and now in London conducted by David Atherton. Strong cast includes Jane Eaglen, Lesley Garrett and Christopher Booth-Jones. **Coliseum**, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161) 7.30-9.45pm, £3-£33.

☆ **TOSCA:** Revival of Ian Judge's challenging production for Opera North, now with Janice Cairns in the title role. **Grand Theatre**, Leeds (0532 459351) 7.15-10.30pm, £5-£21.

☆ **DIE FLEDERMAUS:** Scottish Opera enjoys a lively revival of Simon Callow's production as it returns for New Year, conducted by John Mauceri. **Theatre Royal**, Glasgow (041 331 1234) 7.15-10.30pm, £3-£25.50.

ROCK

TODAY

★ **CHRIS REA:** Reasonable, diligent, experienced, relaxed, highly skilled, overweight, comfortably middle-aged and every inch a rock star for these adult orientated, CD-enriched times. **Brighton Centre**, Kings Rd (0273 202881) 7.30pm, £11.50-£13.50, also tomorrow.

☆ **CHAKA KHAN/REVIEW OF THE 80s:** See picture below. **Brixton Academy**, 211 Stockwell Rd, London SW9 (01-326 1022) 9pm-8am, £25.

TOMORROW

☆ **THE BLUES BAND:** The original triumvirate of Paul Jones, Dave Kelly and Tom McGuinness remains at the helm of one of England's most outstanding club bands. **Town & Country**, 8-17 Highgate Rd, London NW5 (01-284 0303) 8pm-late, £8.50.

Ol' Thunderthighs, Chaka Khan (above) heads up a cast of dozens who will be putting in an appearance at the all-night "Review of the 80s" rave in South London tonight (see listing). Subtitled "A Decade of Style", the event will incorporate live music, cult movies, London's best DJs pumping out a variety of club sounds in four separate areas and a catwalk display looking back at the fads and styles that have given the last ten years its distinctive flavour.

JAZZ

TODAY

★ **GEORGE MELLY:** "Backwater Blues" and the rest as Good Time George wraps up this year's residency. Support from the house quintet. **Ronnie Scott's Club**, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747) tonight, tomorrow, Sun, 9.30pm, tonight, tomorrow £12 (members £6).

TOMORROW

☆ **ANDY SHEPPARD:** The West Country saxophonist has had another busy year, including the recording of a big band album. He appears tonight with his sextet. **Aldeburgh Foundation**, Snape Maltings, Aldeburgh (0728 453543) 7.30pm, £4.60-£8.80.

☆ **STAN TRACEY'S PARTY:** Festive celebrations from the pianist/composer, joined by a triple saxophone line-up of Alan Skidmore, Art Themen and Don Weller. **Bull's Head**, 373 Lonsdale Rd, London SW13 (01-876 5241) 8.30pm, £6.

SUNDAY

☆ **SLIM GAILLARD:** The father of vout collides with Kazuko Hohki Chante Brigitte Bardot. **Queen Elizabeth Hall**, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800) 9.30pm, £15.

GALLERIES

IMAGES OF A GOLDEN AGE: 140 paintings from 17th century Holland. **Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery**, Chamberlain Sq (021 235 2800), Mon-Sat 9.30am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, until Jan 14.

ANA MARIA PACHECO: A sculptural installation comprising doll-like figures by a Brazilian artist. **Cornerhouse**, 70 Oxford St, Manchester (061 228 2463), Tues-Sun noon-8pm, free, until Jan 21.

EDWARD WADSWORTH (1889-1949): A centenary retrospective for a surrealist and Modernist who painted mainly bizarre marine still lifes and harbour scenes. **Cartwright Hall**, Lister Park, Bradford (0274 493313), Tues-Sun 10am-5pm, free, until Jan 14.

THEATRE POSTERS: Gilbert Lesser's graphics for *Equus*, *Amadeus* and other Broadway productions. **Design Museum**, Butler's Wharf, London SE1 (01-407 6265), Tues-Sun 11.30am-6.30pm, £2, until Feb 4.

CHRISTOPHER WOOD (1901-1930): Landscapes and harbour scenes from the last two years of this artist's tragically short life. **Graves Art Gallery**, Surrey St, Sheffield (0742 734781), Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, free, until Jan 13.

WALKS

TODAY

THE BURIED CITY — LONDON BENEATH THE STREETS: Meet Blackfriars tube, 11.30am, £3 (01-937 4281).

A JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: Meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £4 (01-441 8906).

TOMORROW

THE LONDON OF JACK THE RIPPER: Meet Tower Hill tube, 2pm, £3 (01-937 4281).

AN HISTORIC PUB WALK — HAMPSTEAD: Meet Hampstead tube, 7.30pm, £4 (01-441 8906).

SUNDAY

THE LONDON OF DICKENS AND SHAKESPEARE: Meet Blackfriars tube, 11am, £3.50 (01-439 2162).

THE SECRET CITY — A WALK BACK IN TIME: Meet St Paul's tube, 2.30pm, £3 (01-937 4281).

OTHER EVENTS

V & A FOR CHILDREN: Special introductory tours of the museum for children who should be accompanied by an adult. Tours last 45 minutes and are followed by an opportunity to draw. **V & A**, South Kensington, London SW7 (01-938 8364), today and tomorrow 2.30pm. Meet in main Cromwell Road entrance.

DICK WHITTINGTON PUPPET WORKSHOPS: Family event. Come and make your own shadow puppets and recreate the old story with lights, music, and other special effects. **Museum of London**, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699). Today, tomorrow and Sun 2-4.30pm. Admission £1.50. Reserve tickets in advance, extension 239.

SALES NOW ON

LONDON

ADDITION-ELLE, 24 Marylebone High St, W1 (01-935 4159); 8 Ashbourne Parade, London NW11 (01-458 4654) and branches. *For three weeks.*

AUSTIN REED, Regent St, W1 (01-734 6789). *For four weeks.*

AQUASCUTUM, 100 Regent St, W1 (01-734 6090). *For three weeks.*

CHARLES JOURDAN, 39-43 Brompton Rd, SW1 (01-581 3333). *Until Jan 31.*

DICKENS & JONES, 224 Regent St, W1 (01-734 7070) and branches. *Until Jan 27.*

ELYS, 16 St George's Rd, Wimbledon, SW9 (01-946 9191). *For four weeks.*

FENWICK, 25 New Bond St, W1 (01-629 9161). *Until Jan 20.*

GIEVES & HAWKES, 1 Savile Row, W1 (01-434 2001) and branches nationwide. *For three weeks.*

HARVEY NICHOLS, Knightsbridge, SW1 (01-235 5000). *For about four weeks.*

JAEGER, 200-206 Regent St, W1 (01-734 8211) and branches. *Until Jan 31.*

LAURA ASHLEY, 120 King's Rd, SW3 (01-823 7550) and branches. *For two weeks.*

LIBERTY, Regent St, W1 (01-734 1234) and branches. *Until Jan 31*

MONSOON, 23 The Market, Covent Garden, WC2 (01-836 9140) and branches. *For four weeks.*

PETER JONES, Sloane Sq, SW1 (01-730 3434). *Until Jan 6*

SCOTCH HOUSE, 2 Brompton Rd, SW1 (01-581 2151); 84 Regent St, W1 (01-734 0203); 39-41 Princes St, Edinburgh (031 556 1252). *For two weeks.*

SELFRIDGES, Oxford St, W1 (01-629 1234). *Until Jan 31.*

HOUSE OF FRASER
Sales at all stores nationwide including Army & Navy, Victoria St, SW1 (01-834 1234); Barkers, Kensington High St, W8 (01-937 5432). *Until Jan 27*

OUT OF TOWN

BIRMINGHAM: LEWIS'S, Bull St (021 236 8251). *Until Jan 27.*

CANTERBURY: RICEMANS, St George's Lane (0227 766666). *Until Jan 20.*

GLASGOW: LEWIS'S, Argyle St (041 221 9820). *Until Jan 27*

LEEDS: LEWIS'S, The Headrow (0532 431313). *Until Jan 27.*

LIVERPOOL: LEWIS'S, 40 Ranelagh St (051 709 7000). *Until Jan 27.*

OXFORD: LEWIS'S, 27 Westgate (0865 244991). *Until Jan 27.*

STOKE-ON-TRENT: LEWIS'S, Lamb St, Hanley (0782 851525). *Until Jan 27.*

YORK: FENWICK, Coppergate Centre (0904 643322). *Until Jan 20.*

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Sales: Nicole Swengley; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

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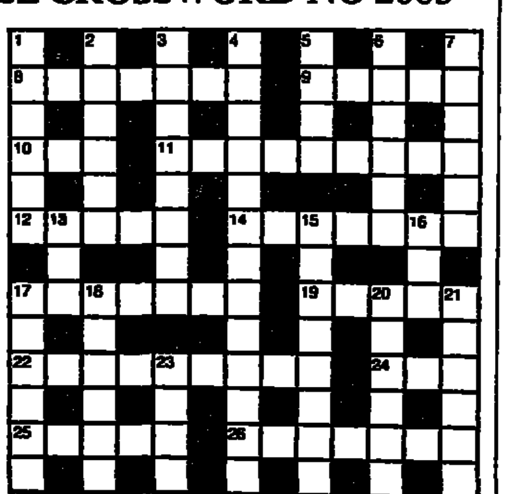

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

CAORA
(b) A river described in Hakluyt's *Voyages*, on the banks of which lived a people whose heads grew beneath their shoulders. Their eyes were in their shoulders, and their mouths in their breasts.

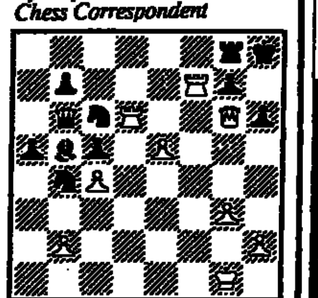
BORAK
(a) The animal brought by Gabriel to carry Mohammed to the seventh heaven, and itself received into paradise. It had the face of a man, but the cheeks of a horse, the wings of an eagle, the voice of a man, and glittered all over.

CALIDORE
(c) Sir Calidore, in Spenser's *Fairie Queene* the type of courtesy and lover of fair Pastorella. The most courteous of all knights, and the "all-beloved". He typifies Sir Philip Sidney.

GRISELDA
(b) The model of patience and wifely obedience, the heroine of the last tale in Boccaccio's *Decameron*, patient Grisel is given a hard time by her sadistic husband, the Marquis.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is a variation from Keene (White) against Whiteley (Black) Dulwich 1965. White plays and wins. The answer will be given in tomorrow's *Times*. The Foreign and Colonial Grandmaster tournament continues at the Cinque Ports Hotel, Hastings, until Jan 14. Solution to yesterday's position: Black wins with 1...Qg8 2 Bxg8 Kxg8 when White cannot stop Black's "e" pawn from promoting.

ENTERTAINMENTS

EVENTS

THE NEW YEARS EVE BALL Of the decade. Sunday 31st December 1989 at Wembley Conference Centre. Part of the Wembley Stadium Complex London. Time 8.pm - 2.am. Includes light show, music, jugglers, Musicians, acts, Champagne Bars, Satellite of Big Ben. Tickets £36.00 incl Buffet and Wine. Details Tel: 01-384 1767.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7 30 THE LOVE FOR 3 ORANGES. Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 HANSEL & GRETEL.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01 928 8800 cc ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET Peter Schaufuss' production of THE NUTCRACKER Today Mat 2.30 Seymour Jarvis James Norton Richmond Eve 7 30 Cantarell Benjamin Cuevra Ozzie Johnson Until 20 Jan

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911 Stdby info 836 6903 S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day. No Perf Ton't Tomor 7 30 THE ROYAL OPERA Der Freischutz.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call cc 24 hr day 240 7200 SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET Ton't & Tomor Divertimento No 15, Auras, Those Unheard, Facade. Eves 7.30. Tomor Mat 2.30.

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Quest for an elusive identity

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● After its Christmas Day profile of P. G. Wodehouse, **Bookmark** (BBC2, 7.55pm) tackles the trickier subject of Iris Murdoch, who is both still living and not a person who likes to air her life story in public. Moreover, as far as one can tell, that life has been remarkably free of the jucier morsels on which biographers might feast. She wanted to teach at Oxford and did so. After one false start (a first book turned down by Faber) she has blossomed steadily as a novelist with a loyal and intense following. She married late, and very happily, and chose not to have children. She enjoys going to pubs and swimming (particularly in rivers) and laughs more than her bluestocking image might suggest. The centrepiece of Kevin Hull's film is a conversation between Dame Iris and A. N. Wilson, who is writing her biography. It is little

Dame Iris Murdoch: little known about and highly respected (BBC2, 7.55pm)

more than a preliminary skirmish, conducted tentatively on both sides. There is not much about the books except, Wilson suggests, that they seem to have a lot of water in them. To which Dame Iris retorts that there is a lot of water in real life. Pressed further, she recalls that she once nearly drowned. One of her characters dreams of drowning. Have we stumbled on some deep and significant meaning? Hull obviously thinks so, or he would not have peppered his film with shots of a swimmer battling against the waves. But the real Dame Iris remains elusive, just as she has for the artists who have tried to capture her on canvas: Wilson has a job on his hands.

● Anyone who thinks that *Hi-De-Hi!* was no more than comic fiction should tune in to **Summertime Blues** (Channel 4, 9.00pm) which not only confirms the essential truth of the sitcom but suggests that holiday camp entertainment has barely changed since the 1950s. The film follows the Pontins Bluecoats through a season at Blackpool, which starts in May and lasts until the lights are switched off in November. For some (Gemma Craven, Jimmy Cricket and Brian Conley who narrates) the Bluecoats have been the starting point of a professional career. But keeping the campers happy with a perpetual smile, calling bingo numbers and running keep fit classes is hardly the London Palladium. Rather it is a 16-hour-a-day slog requiring enormous stamina and limitless patience. No wonder that having survived one season few of the Bluecoats come back for more.

BBC 1

7.00 News and weather followed by regional bulletins
7.15 Hello Spender **7.40** The Pink Panther Show. Three cartoons (r)
8.00 News and weather followed by regional bulletins **8.15** Smoggies in *No Small Problem* **8.40** Betty Boop Triple Bill **8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by **Christmas Children's BBC**, presented by Lisa Jones and Andi Peters, beginning with Jimbo and the Jet Set (r) **9.05** Charlie Brown and Snoopy (r) **9.30** Fame and Misfortune. Episode three of the Australian drama serial, starring Kylie Minogue and Myles Collins
10.00 Why Don't You . . . ? Entertaining ideas for young people with time on their hands **10.30** Playdays **10.50** Henry's Cat (r) **10.55** Five to Eleven. Christmas at the Charing Cross Hospital children's ward in London
11.00 Best of British. Sir John Mills presents more clips from the great British comedy movies, including *The Early Bird, Band Wagon* and *Keep on Loving* (r)
11.20 Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966) starring Frankie Howerd, Dora Bryan and George Cole. The school moves to new premises, where the girls discover they are sitting on the fruits of a great train robbery. When the crooks return to reclaim the hidden money the girls are waiting for them. Directed by Frank Launder and Sidney Gilliat. **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey. Weather **1.15** Neighbours. Bronwyn confides in Des about her feelings for Henry and things comes to head in the coffee shop when Sharon feels things getting on top of her. (Ceefax)
1.35 Film: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (1968) starring Dick Van Dyke, Sally Ann Howes, Lionel Jeffries and Benny Hill. Musical comedy fantasy about two children, living with their eccentric father and grandfather, who go on a magical adventure when their father rebuilds a derelict old racing car. Directed by Ken Hughes. (Ceefax)
3.50 Droids Special (r) **4.40** Film: Anoop and the Elephant (1975) starring Anoop Singh, Linda Robson and Philip Daniels. Adventure about three children who go on a camping trip and encounter a baby elephant and a host of other characters from a nearby circus. Directed by David Eady. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.15 Newsroom South East
6.30 The Very Best of Wogan. Terry looks back at some of his series's most memorable moments and guests, including Liza Minnelli, Gene Wilder, Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, Sammy Davis Jr, Shirley Temple Black, George Burns, Bob Hoskins and Nancy Reagan
7.25 Film: Short Circuit (1986) starring Ally Sheedy and Steve Guttenberg. Comedy adventure about an American military robot which acquires an extraordinary mind of its own when it is struck by a bolt of lightning and escapes. Baffled by the outside world, its curiosity is aroused when it encounters an animal-lover named Stephanie. Directed by John Badham. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather
9.30 Carrott's Commercial Breakdown. Jasper Carrott discovers how different countries' companies have their own ways of winning customers with television commercials. He presents a collection of particular favourites to illustrate exactly what he means
10.20 Film: Rocky II (1979) starring Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire, Burt Young and Carl Weathers. After going the distance with the world heavyweight champion, Rocky finds it hard to cope with his new-found fame but, despite the fear of losing his sight, his hunger to get back in the ring soon returns when he is beckoned by a second challenge. Directed by Sylvester Stallone. (Ceefax)
12.20am David Bowie: Glass Spider. An electrifying performance of David Bowie's 1987 Glass Spider Tour, recorded at the Sydney Entertainment Centre (r)
4.10 Weather

ITV

6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning Britain presented by Richard Keys and, from **7.00**, by Lorraine Kelly and Mike Morris, who today round off their review of the events of the decade; includes news at **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**. **9.00** Wacaday with Timmy Mallett
9.25 The Day We Flew the Space Shuttle. The winners of ITN's Young Astronaut competition on a visit to the US Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama **9.50** Thames News and weather
10.00 The Magic Mirror. A trio of magical stories about mermaids, witches and monsters, told by Kenneth Waller and Rita Wolf **10.30** Porky Pig. Three cartoons (r) **10.50** News headlines
10.55 In Search of Wildlife. A compilation of the series featuring David Shepherd's visits to six countries where he observed and painted the local wildlife **12.30** Home and Away. Fisher receives an unwelcome Christmas present
1.00 News at One and weather **1.20** Thames News and weather
1.30 Chain Letters. Word game show **2.00** The Bill (r)
3.00 A Little Touch of Harry. Judi Dench narrates this documentary about the making of Kenneth Branagh's film of Shakespeare's *Henry V* **3.25** Thames News and weather **3.30** Sons and Daughters. Australian drama following the lives and loves of the Hamilton and the Palmer families
4.00 Sylvester (r) **4.10** Oh! Mr Toad. *A Tale of Two Toads*. The battle between the River-Bankers and the Wild-Wooders continues, but the latter, led by the Chief Weasel, appear to have a surprising ally — Toad
5.10 Home and Away (r)
5.40 News and weather **5.55** LWT News and weather
6.05 The Waltons Meet Mickey Mouse. The Walton sextuplets travel to Florida to celebrate their sixth birthday in the company of Mickey Mouse
7.00 Concentration. The quiz show which tests both memory and powers of concentration returns for a new series with a new host — Bob Carolgees
7.30 Coronation Street. While the Rovers' customers look forward to the New Year, Alec has other things on his mind. (Oracle)
8.00 Judith Krantz's Till We Meet Again. The conclusion of the mini-series tracing the lives of the de Lancel family. The Second World War draws to a close, Paris is liberated and Eve is overjoyed to be reunited with Paul. For Bruno, however, peace is no consolation because his collaboration with the Nazis has been revealed. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten and weather **10.15** LWT News and weather
10.20 Tales of the Unexpected: My Lady Love, My Dove, starring Elaine Stritch and Shane Rimmer. Pamela is rich — and bored. When she invites a couple to spend the weekend with her and her husband, she hopes to liven things up by putting a bugging device in her guests' bedroom (r)
10.50 The South Bank Show: Arts Review 89. Melvyn Bragg casts an eye over the best contributions to the arts during the 80s. Those singled out for Bragg's praise include actor and comedian John Sessions, violinist Kyung-Wha Chung, singer Neneh Cherry and photographer David Bailey
12.50am Film: Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence (1982) starring David Bowie, Tom Conti and Ryuichi Sakamoto. A drama set in a Japanese prison camp in Java. A new inmate refuses to bow to the harsh yet petty discipline of the camp and his spirit gradually earns him the commander's grudging respect. Directed by Nagisa Oshima.
3.05 Film: Avalanche (1978) starring Mia Farrow, Rock Hudson and Robert Forster. Businessman David Shelby builds an expensive ski resort and, to give it the required image, invites a selection of glamorous guests to the launch party. Disaster strikes when a plane carrying two of the guests crashes into the mountain, triggering an avalanche. Directed by Corey Allen
4.50 The Comedy Store. Chris Tarrant introduces snippets of the best performances seen at London's Comedy Store.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00**

BBC 2

8.25 The Third Man (b/w) **8.50** Buck Rogers (b/w) **9.10** Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe (b/w)
9.30 Film: Roberta (1935, b/w) starring Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers and Irene Dunne. Jerome Kern musical about an American football star who inherits a Paris fashion house and falls in love with a spurious Polish countess. Directed by William A. Seiter. (Ceefax)
11.10 Sporting Years 1977. The sports headlines of 1977 **12.00** 100 Great Sporting Moments. John Curry at the 1976 Winter Olympics (r)
12.10 A Year in the Life: Big Deal Group. The 1969 award-winning series talks to the people it interviewed 20 years ago. Today, the four boys who thought they were going to be pop stars but didn't quite make it **1.00** Green Claws (r) **1.15** Spot the Dog (r) **1.20** Laurel and Hardy in *Any Old Port* (1931, b/w)
1.40 Film: The Alamo (1961) starring John Wayne, Richard Widmark and Laurence Harvey. Epic western about the out-numbered Texans who defended Fort Alamo against a 7,000-strong Mexican army in 1836. Directed by John Wayne.
4.20 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. Professor Charles Taylor continues his lectures on the theme of music, with a look at the development of stringed instruments
5.20 Lost Worlds, Vanished Lives. David Attenborough investigates the dinosaur (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Film: Gone with the Wind (1939). Part two of the Hollywood epic directed by Victor Fleming (Ceefax)
7.55 Bookmark: Iris Murdoch — a Certain Lady (see Choice)
9.00 Film: Peggy Sue Got Married (1986) starring Kathleen Turner, Nicolas Cage and Barry Miller. Peggy Sue Bodell faints at her school year's 25th anniversary reunion and finds herself back in 1960 as a high-school teenager again with the chance of making different choices about her future life. Directed by Francis Coppola.
10.40 Heavy Metal Heaven. Elvira introduces the first of six heavy metal films and documentaries beginning with **Film: The Decline of Western Civilization Part II — The Metal Years** (1988) starring Alice Cooper. An inside look at the heavy metal scene in Los Angeles. Directed by Penelope Spheeris. (Ceefax)
12.15am Film: The Invisible Man (1933 b/w) starring Claude Rains. Classic version of H. G. Wells's fantasy about a mysterious stranger who arrives at a small village inn, with his head swathed in bandages and wearing a pair of spectacles. Directed by James Whale. (Ceefax)
1.25 Weather

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Sesame Street **10.25** The Adventures of Tintin. Episode five **10.30** The Batman (b/w)
10.55 Bud Bowl 89. The cup final of the English American football season with the holders, the Birmingham Bulls taking on the Manchester Spartans at the National Sports Centre, Crystal Palace. Presented by Nick Halling
11.25 International Rowing. The Westminster Serpentine Regatta presented by Keith Daniell and Martin Cross
11.55 Don't Just Sit There. Sports for the disabled (r)
1.10 Best of Star Test. Luke Goss of Bros faces the computer (r) **1.40** Alice. The second episode of Jan Svankmajer's adaptation of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*
2.00 Film: The Little Match Girl (1987) starring Keshia Knight Pulliam. An up-dated version of the Hans Christian Andersen tale of an orphan who helps to reunite a troubled family. Directed by Michael Lindsay-Hogg.
3.45 Stars and Stripes **3.50** Hot Stuff. A short history of fire **3.55** Hen Hop. A celebration of poultry **4.00** Sand Castle. An Oscar-winning short
4.15 Film: Stone Fox (1987) starring Joey Cramer. The story of a 12-year-old boy's attempts to save his grandfather's Wyoming cattle ranch by entering a dog-sled race. Directed by Harvey Hart
6.10 Monster Maker. A fantasy drama about 14-year-old Matt who is given a job by a monster maker, Chancey Bellow, which enrages Matt's father who demands he return to school
7.00 Channel Four News
7.50 Hostages. Remembering hostages held world-wide. Followed by Weather
8.00 Brookside. In the Corkhill household, another woman in Billy's life leaves him. (Oracle)
8.30 Roseanne. When husband Dan gets a large cash advance from his new job, he and Roseanne agree to be sensible and pay all their bills first (r)
9.00 Summertime Blues (see Choice)
10.00 Short and Curlies. Closed Circuit. A security man successfully robs the company safe by getting a close up of the combination lock on the camera remote control
10.15 Whose Line Is It Anyway? Improvised comedy series
11.00 Robin Williams: An Evening at the Met. Robin Williams, performing before an audience at the New York Metropolitan Opera House, gives his views on politics, fatherhood, romance, drugs and alcohol
12.00 Film: Moscow on the Hudson (1984) starring Robin Williams as a Soviet saxophonist who, on a visit to New York, decides to defect. Directed by Paul Mazursky. Ends at **2.10am**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Sky News **6.30** Ritter's Cove **8.00** DJ Kat Show **8.30** Panel Pot Pourri **10.00** The Sullivans **10.30** Sky by Day **11.30** What a Country **12.00** Another World **12.55pm** General Hospital **1.50** As the World Turns **2.45** Loving **3.15** The Young Doctors **3.45** Dennis **4.00** Countdown **5.00** Sky Star Search **6.00** The New Price is Right **6.30** Sale of the Century **7.00** Black Sheep Squadron **8.00** Riptide **9.00** Hunter **10.00** All-American Wrestling **11.00** Sky News **11.30** The Deadly Ernest Picture Show **1.15am** Countdown

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sky News **6.30** The Frank Bough Interview **6.30** BMTV Good Health **7.30** Beyond 2000 **8.30** World Review '89 **9.30** The FBI **10.30** BMTV Good Health **11.30** Our World **12.30pm** NBC Today **1.30** World Review '89 **2.30** NBC Today **3.30** BMTV Good Health **4.30** Our World **5.00** Live at Five **6.30** World Review '89 **6.30** Beyond 2000 **7.30** The Reporters **8.30** The FBI **9.30** Newsline **10.30** The Reporters **11.30** NBC News **12.30am** The FBI **1.30** World News Review '89 **2.30** NBC News **3.30** The Reporters **4.30** The Best of Target

SKY MOVIES

From **6.00am** The Satellite Shop
2.00pm My Dad Can't Be Crazy . . . Can He? (1989): A young boy's father is mentally ill
3.00 The Boy Who Loved Trolls: The search for a mythical troll
4.00 Hiroshima Maiden: A Japanese woman's life with an American family
5.30 Saving Grace (1986): A disillusioned Pope samples life outside the Vatican
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Spies, Lies and Naked Thighs (1988): A master of disguise attempts to foil a team of Presidential assassins
10.00 The Morning After (1986): Jane Fonda as an alcoholic movie star who wakes up next to a corpse
11.45 Mona Lisa (1986): Bob Hoskins chauffeurs Cathy Tyson around town
1.30am The Hitchhiker: Tonight's episode is *Dead Man's Curve*
2.00 The Dead Zone (1984): A teacher discovers he has obtained the power to see into the past and the future
4.00 The Shadow of Chikara (1975): Supernatural story set in post-Civil War United States. Ends at **5.30am**

EUROSPORT

6.00am Sky News **6.30** Ritter's Cove **8.00** DJ Kat Show **8.30** Menu **9.00** Tennis **12.00** FIFA World Youth Soccer **1.00pm** Ninth Annual Veronica Beach Races **2.00** Cricket: West Indies v Pakistan **3.00** Pool Shootout: Steve Mizerack (USA) v Joe Johnson (UK) **4.00** Cycling: Paris-Roubaix **5.00** Rugby Union **6.00** Baseball **7.00** Tennis **9.00** Best of the Year: Golf **10.00** Paris-Dakar Rally **10.15** Heading for Glory: 1974 World Cup **12.15am** Paris-Dakar Rally

MTV

5.30am Club MTV **6.00** Kristiane Backer **10.30** At the Movies **11.00** Remote Control **11.30** Kristiane Backer **1.00pm** Marcel Vanthilt **3.00** 3 from '86 **5.00** Year in Rock **6.00** Ray Cokes **7.30** Yo! **8.00** At the Movies **8.30** Tom Petty **9.00** REM Rockumentary **9.30** Rewind '87 **11.00** 120 Minutes **1.00am** Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Wide World of Sport **8.00** NFL '89 Highlights **9.00** Motorcross **10.00** US College Basketball **11.30** US Boxing **1.00pm** Karate **2.00** Powersports **3.00** NFL '89 Highlights **4.00** NFL Game of the Week **6.00** English Rugby League **7.30** Ice Hockey **9.30** US College Basketball **11.00** A Day in the Life of an NHL Ice Hockey Player **12.00** Boxing

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Search for Tomorrow **10.30** Keep Fit **10.35** Wok With Yan **11.00** Coffee Break **11.10** The Edge of Night **11.35** Great American Gameshows **12.50pm** Star Time **12.55** Sally Jessy Raphael **1.50** Skyways **2.40** Search for Tomorrow **3.05** Tea Break **3.15** The Detectives **4.05** Jack Thompson Down Under **4.35** Lifestyle Plus **4.45** Great American Gameshows

● Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: **6.15pm-6.30** Wales Today **1.10am-1.15** News and weather SCOTLAND: **6.15pm-6.30** Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND: **6.15pm-6.30** Inside Ulster ENGLAND: **6.15pm-6.30** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm** Anglia News **1.30** Discovering Gardens **2.00** Country Practice **3.00-3.30** The Spectacular World of Guinness Records **5.10-5.40** Chain Letters **6.00** Home and Away **6.30-7.00** About Anglia **3.05am-4.50** Film: The Hunted Lady.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Border News **2.00** Film: Run Simon Run **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Lookaround Friday **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road.

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **2.00** Cheap Detective **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.10-5.40** Wheel of Fortune **6.00** Home and Away **6.25-7.00** News.

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **2.00** Santa Barbara **3.00-3.30** Short Story Theatre **6.00** Channel News **6.15** Royal Visit **6.30-7.00** Christmas Tree Men.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Grampian News **2.00-3.30** Film: The Snow Queen **6.00** North Tonight **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30-2.00** Cover Story (Dennis Weaver) **3.00** Chain Letters **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Kick Off.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **2.00-3.30** Film: The Man From Button Willow **6.00** News **6.30-7.00** What's On Special.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **1.30-3.25pm** The Great Gold Swindle **6.00-6.30** Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Cinemattractions **10.50-10.50** Tales of the Unexpected.

SCOTTISH As London except: **11.20am** Scotland Today **1.30** Film: Nicholas Nickleby (Animated version) **3.00-3.30** Chain Letters **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road.

TSW As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Sullivans **2.00** Short Story Theatre: The Hand Me Down Kid **3.00** Chain Letters **3.27-4.00** Home and Away **5.10-5.40** Batman **6.00** TSW Today **6.30-7.00** Discovering Gardens.

TVS As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **2.00** Santa Barbara **3.00-3.30** Short Story Theatre: Jo's Song **6.00-7.00** Coast to Coast.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Kids Vids and Teen Screens **2.00** Boxing **2.55-3.30** Born Lucky **6.00-7.00** Northern Life **10.20-10.50** Oh No It's Not.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** Newstime **1.30** Film: Fantastic Voyage **3.30-4.00** Rock Creation **6.00** Six Tonight **6.30-7.00** Sportsbeat.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: First Man On The Moon **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Faces of the Eighties **3.05am-4.50** Film: I Take These Men.

S4C Starts: **6.00am** C4 Daily **9.25** Sesame Street **10.25** The Batman **10.50** Film: Animal Farm **12.15pm** 5 Lon Goch **12.30** Tanza Tikaram **1.30** Masters of Taste **2.30** Film: Terrible Joe Moran **4.20** Winter's Wish **4.30** Rowing **5.00** Bud Bowl **5.30** Fferg **6.00** News **6.15** Ffwrwiabelam **6.35** Gwesty Tair Seren **7.00** Mwy O Sam Y Sarthdegau **8.00** Tragell **8.30** News **8.45** Ffinatu **9.15** Brass **9.45** Golden Girls **10.15** Whose Line Is It Anyway? **10.45** Short and Curlies **11.00** Robin Williams **12.00** Film: Moscow On the Hudson **2.10am** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: **9.25am** Nonni **10.15** Film: Who Done It? **11.30** Film: Up In The World **1.00pm** News **1.05** Film: South Pacific **3.55** Sons and Daughters **4.25** Black Forest Clinic **5.15** Sullivans **5.45** News **6.00** Angelus **6.01** Great Expectations **7.00** Oremba **7.15** Film: All Creatures Great And Small **9.00** News **9.15** National Entertainment Awards **11.20** News **11.25** Film: Duel **1.05am** Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: **10.30am** Bosco **11.00** 2FM Television Show **1.00** Racing from Leopardstown **3.30** Magic Shop **4.05** Jezebel **5.55** On the Holy Hill **6.25** Home and Away **6.55** Nuacht **7.00** Backroads **7.30** Coronation Street **8.00** Carroll's RTE Proms **8.40** Coach **9.10** Film: Hannah and Her Sisters **10.55** Lou Grant **11.55** Closedown.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW
News on the half-hour from **5.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00pm**
5.00am Jakki Brambles **7.00** Nicky Campbell's Breakfast Show **10.00** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **4.00** The Top 50 of 1989 **5.30** Jeff Young's End of Year Special **8.00** The Christmas Concerts: Betty Wright at the Hammersmith Odeon, London, in October 1989 **10.00** The Friday Rock Show **12.00-2.00am** The Ranking Miss P

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MW
4.00am Steve Madden **5.30** David Allan **7.30** Kenneth Wolstenholme **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jane Powell **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **9.45** Joshua Rifkin **9.00** The Organist Entertains **10.00** The Golden Years **10.30** Living with Betty **11.00** Nightcap **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

5.00am Morgenmagazin **5.35** News in German; Headlines in English and French **5.47** Sports News **5.50** Financial News **5.55** Weather and Travel News **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours: News Summary **7.30** Women on the Move **8.00** World News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News; Sports Roundup **9.45** Seven Seas **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** Best on Record **11.00** World News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** The Learning World **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Newsreel **12.15pm** Women on the Move **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** 24 Hours; News Summary **1.30** John Peel **2.00** World News; Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: The Wind in the Willows **2.45** Nature Now **3.00** Newsreel **3.15** Music Review **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.09** Prisoners of Conscience **5.15** The World Today **5.30** Londres Soir **6.14** News Headlines in English **6.15** BBC English **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** German Features **7.54** Nachrichten **8.00** World News **8.09** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Sports Roundup **9.15** A Taste of Soul **9.30** People and Politics **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.09** Prisoners of Conscience **11.30** Financial News **11.15** Wordsworth **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** [illegible] Lift **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.25** Financial News **1.35** In the Bleak Midwinter **1.45** Book Choice **1.50** New Ideas **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** [illegible] **3.00** World News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** The Vintage Chart [illegible] **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** The World Today **4.45** Nachrichten und Presseschau

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Handel: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock, with Simon Preston, organ, performs Concerto grosso, Alexander's Feast; Organ Concerto in A, Op 7 No 2
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert: Strauss (Festival Prelude: Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Böhm); trad, arr. Canteloube (Berceuse: Lamoureux Orchestra under Jean-Pierre Jacquillat, with Victoria de Los Angeles, soprano); Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor: Bamberg Symphony Orchestra under Theodor Guschlbauer, with Pierre Amoyal, violin); Debussy (Fêtes "Nocturnes": Strasbourg Philharmonic Orchestra under Lombard)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Schubert: Overture, Rosamunde (Chamber Orchestra of Europe under Claudio Abbado); Adagio in E flat, D 897 (Beaux Arts Trio); Gott in der Natur, D 757 (Bavarian Radio Choir under Wolfgang Sawallisch); Symphony No 5 in B flat (Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Beecham)
9.35 Russian Themes: Rachmaninov (Hymn of the Cherubim: Choir of Christ Church, Oxford, under Simon Preston); Suite No 2 for two pianos, Op 17 (Kathron Sturrock and Piers Lane, pianos); Shostakovich (Piano Trio No 2, Op 67: André Previn, piano, Young Uck Kim, violin, Ralph Kirshbaum, cello); Rachmaninov (Etudes tableaux, Op 39 Nos 7 and 9: Malcolm Binns, piano); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6 in B minor "Pathétique": Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra under Giulini); Scriabin (Twelve Studies, Op 8: Malcolm Binns, piano); Rachmaninov, arr Dubensky (Vocalise: American Symphony Orchestra under Stokowski, with Anna Moffo, soprano)
12.20pm Stravinsky and Martin: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Ivor Bolton performs Stravinsky (Concerto in D); Frank Martin (Etudes)
1.00 News
1.05 For a Later Age: György Pauk, violin, Peter Frankl, piano, perform Beethoven: Sonata in A, Op 30 No 1; Sonata in G, Op 30 No 3; Sonata in C minor, Op 30 No 2, incl **1.50** Interval Reading. The fifth of nine programmes
2.35 Hans Eisler: Ensemble of the 20th Century under Peter Burwick performs music for plays and films, including Nestroy's farce *Höllenangst*, 1948, Myaskovsky's *Das Schwitzbad*, 1957, and the film *Dans les rues*, 1933
3.05 Robin Orr: Friedman Players, with Marilyn de Blieck, soprano; performs Journeys and Places; SNO under Gibson performs Symphony No 1
3.35 Youth Orchestras of the World: The Aberdeen International Youth Festival. Ahrensburg Youth CO under Karl-Heinz Färber, with Angela Domansy, oboe, Rhianon Fadie, clarinet, performs Mozart: Serenata notturna in D, K 239; Sinfonia concertante in E flat, K 297b; Symphony No 39, K 543
5.00 Drum Beats: Charles Fox in conversation with drummer and composer Max Roach. The fourth of six programmes
5.30 Forgotten Reputations?: William Busch (1901-45). John Amis rediscovers some of the English composer's songs and chamber music, incl **6.30** William Busch: Nicholas Variations (Yitkin Seow, piano); Four songs (Peter Pears, tenor, viola tunnard, piano); Piano Quartet (Prometheus Ensemble); Two songs (Henry Cummings, baritone, Ivor Newton, piano); Gigue (Yitkin Seow, piano)
7.00 News
7.05 Scarlatti: Malcolm Proud, harpsichord, performs Sonatas in D, Kk 490-2
7.25 Bruckner: Berlin PO under Barenboim performs Symphony No 4 in E flat "Romantic"
8.40 More Barnes's People: Part 2: Billy and Me. With Alan Rickman
9.00 Byrd at Ingatestone: rose Consort of Viols, with Caroline Trevor, alto, performs the repertory given by William Byrd in 1959 at Ingatestone Hall. Music by Byrd and his contemporaries is interspersed with Elizabethan Catholic verse, read by Cormac Rigby
10.10 The Ring and the Book, by Robert Browning. Part 4: Giuseppe Caponsacci. Read by David Brierley (r)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Fauré (r)
12.00 News
12.05am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, with John Humphrys and Sue MacGregor, incl **6.30, 7.00, 8.00** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.42** The Coachman Rat, written by David Henry Wilson (3 of 5) (s) **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 The Local Network: Reporters Neil Walker and David Clayton go in search of Britain's stuntmen and daredevils (r)
9.35 Wilko's Weekly: Tony Wilkinson visits Mrs Thatcher's home town of Grantham and goes behind the scenes of the *Grantham Journal* (see Choice) (s)
10.00 News; Down the River Tay: Cliff Morgan visits the Mills Observatory, learns more of the life of poet William McGonagall and admires the Clydesdale horse, concluding his trip when he arrives at Dundee (s)
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Who'd Have Thought It?: Jeremy Nicholas with a selection of unusual and bizarre recordings
12.00 News; Something to Celebrate: A party for the joy of it. Marc gives parties as an affirmation of life for himself and his friends who all know he has Aids (s)
12.25pm Smash of the Day: Five popular shows produced by BBC Radio's Light Entertainment Dept. Does the Team Think? with Tommy Trinder, Jimmy Edwards, Cyril Fletcher and McDonald Hobley **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with Gordon Clough
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Women in Question. The studio audience put their questions to guests Teresa Gorman, MP, Diane Abbott, MP, Jane Lapotaire and Detta O'Cathain
3.00 News; The 39 Steps: Dramatization by Peter Buckman of John Buchan's classic thriller (s)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Quartet: Michael Berkeley meets three musicians — Jane Glover, who, on the day the Berlin wall cracked, conducted Britten's War Requiem; John Tomlinson who sang Wagner's Ring Cycle in Bayreuth and London; and the composer Mark-Anthony Turnage whose new piece Three Screaming Popes was premiered under Simon Rattle (s)
5.00 PM with Robert Williams
5.30 Old Peter's Russian Tales: Part 3: Frost, by Arthur Ransome **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.15 Uncle Mort's North Country, by Peter Tinniswood. Part 5: 2084 (s) (r)
6.30 The Blighty Chronicles: The story of the Little Blighty Traditional Christmas pageant (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Science Now: Peter Evans, with Professor Noël Dilly, Dr Steve Jones and Professor John Taylor
7.45 A Tale of Two Cities: Part 7: The Knitting Done. Conclusion of Charles Dickens's classic story (s) (r)
8.45 Pick of the Year with Margaret Howard (s)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Richard Kershaw
10.30 Famous for 15 Minutes: Jenni Mills talks to Anne Packer who shot to fame when she won a gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics (r)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*, by Frederick Douglass (final part)
11.00 Sharing Music: A report on a special music week for young disabled people, organised this summer by Richard Stilgoe, with the help of fellow musicians, and a sample of the resulting concert (r)
11.25 The Financial Week with Vincent Duggleby
11.45 Wish You'd Been Here: Writer Stan Barstow remembers Blackpool (r)
12.00-12.30am News; incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
FM as LW except:
1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner (s)
5.50-5.55 Programme News

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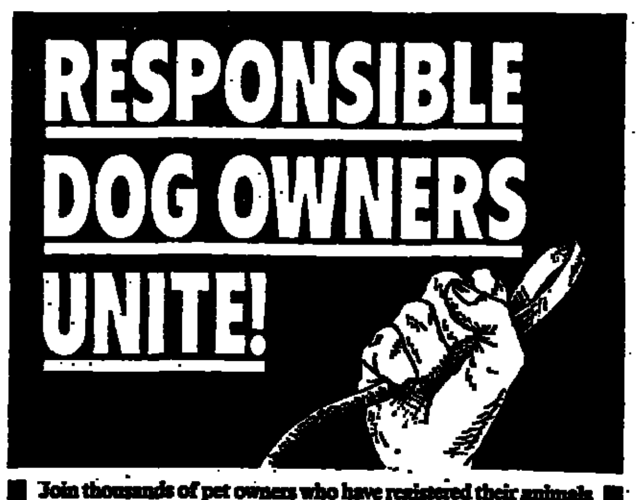
RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

● The Christmas week run of Wilko's Weekly (Radio 4, 9.35am), Tony Wilkinson's mortice-and-tenon documentaries in which the *dramatis personae* of local papers integrate perfectly with the events they chronicle, ends with a profile of the *Grantham Journal*, serving that corner of Lincolnshire that produced both Mrs Thatcher and Isaac Newton. The discoverer of the law of gravity is commemorated by a giant plastic apple hanging up in the supermarket arcade. There is more *gravitas* about the Newton paper-

Sir Isaac Newton: in the grip of Thatcherism (R4, 9.35am)

weights for tourists produced by the local grammar school in a burst of Thatcherite private enterprise. As for the staff of the *Journal*, Wilkinson finds riches galore, including the motherly scribe who sent a "good luck" card to the youngster with 100 burglaries to his discredit, the reporter/dramatist who took up journalism because it gave him more characters for his plays, and the women in the classified-ads department who struck Wilkinson as behaving like boisterous mill lasses. We are not told how Wilkinson came to find out that one of them had a tattoo of two intertwined hearts on her thigh.



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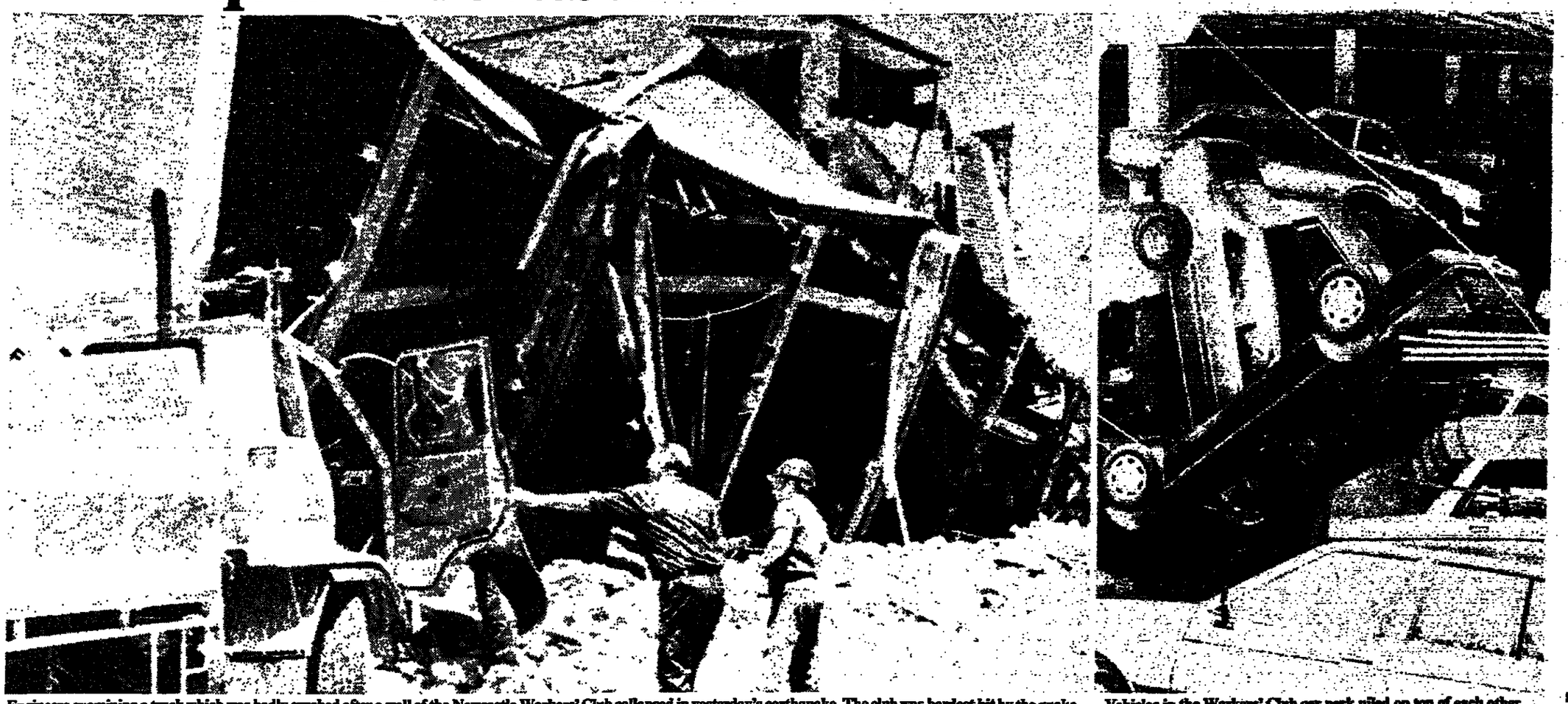
Earthquake devastates Australian coastal town



Engineers examining a truck which was badly crushed after a wall of the Newcastle Workers' Club collapsed in yesterday's earthquake. The club was hardest hit by the quake. Vehicles in the Workers' Club car park piled on top of each other.

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devastation from an earthquake, but we will try and ensure everything is done to assist Newcastle," he said.

The government of New South Wales has pledged relief aid of A$1 million, but it will be some time before the vast cost can be calculated in this industrial city, which is already beset by deep economic problems.

Residents are in a state of shock with transport, power and telephone lines cut. Clubs, cinemas, hotels, a fire station, the city ambulance headquarters and an entire shopping centre were left in ruins. A telephone exchange was damaged, cutting communications with the outside world for most of the day.

Scores of families are staying with friends and relatives while their homes are considered too dangerous to be lived in until they are repaired.

Patients from the damaged Royal Newcastle Hospital were evacuated to the adjacent Ocean Beach with vital heart and kidney machines set up on the sand beside them.

Yesterday the giant BHP steel plant, a mainstay of employment, was forced to shut down operations.

The epicentre of the 30-second earthquake, which struck at 10.28am and measured 5.5 on the Richter scale, was three miles west of the city centre and shook buildings in Sydney, 100 miles to the south. It was also felt in Brisbane, Canberra and Melbourne 600 miles away.

The Australian Seismological centre in Canberra has forecast further tremors and aftershocks in the next two weeks as the earth's crust settles.

Beyond the city centre, worst hit were the suburbs of Hamilton and Cooks Hill. Beaumont Street, Hamilton's half mile-long shopping centre was devastated. "It's amazing — it looks like a street in Beirut," said a fireman as he watched engineers shoring up shopfronts. Almost every building in the street was seriously damaged.

In Hamilton a woman was killed when the Kent Hotel collapsed and another person was killed and a woman had both legs severed when a chemist's awning collapsed further down the road.

Mrs Anne Maddison stood dazed outside her partly demolished home from which she had escaped: "All the bricks fell down on top of me, all down my back. Just the whole thing collapsed. I assumed it was an explosion."

The streets were busy with bargain hunters in the post-Christmas sales. Mr Ray Daniel, a shopkeeper, recalled: "The whole building shook and I grabbed hold of the counter and it threw me on the floor. I couldn't even get up. It was just unbelievable." Lines of parked cars were crushed by masonry and ambulances at the Hamilton station were put out of action by debris.

Mr Hawke said that aid would include putting all the armed forces personnel and equipment at the city's disposal.

At sunset yesterday, troops were sent to the badly damaged and hastily evacuated central business district to protect against looting.

City workers have been ordered not to return to work until buildings are structurally checked.

According to one expert, the far greater level of damage and loss of life in Newcastle probably resulted from the chance alignment of a known fault line with the warren of old, abandoned coalmine tunnels which meet beneath the city.

"Many of our buildings are old and we haven't been prepared in Newcastle for something like this," said Mr John Geddes, the State Emergency Service spokesman. "We've never thought of ourselves as living in an earthquake area."

Hope that epidemic has peaked

More than 1,000 flu deaths likely

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

More than 1,000 people are likely to have died this month as a result of the influenza epidemic.

The Government's Office of Population Censuses and Surveys said yesterday that 603 people died of flu or flu-related illnesses in the four weeks up to December 15.

In the last of those weeks there were 472 such deaths, compared to 102 the previous week, 16 the week before, and four in the week ending November 24.

The total for December will not be compiled until the end of next week because of the holiday period. It is, however, expected to reach 1,000, although experts believe that the epidemic, the worst for 10 years, has peaked.

Dr Douglas Fleming, of the Royal College of General Practitioners' flu research unit in Birmingham, said the unit's latest figures showed 260 people per 100,000 had flu, compared with 290 at the epidemic's height in mid-December.

"Deaths, particularly among the elderly, are caused by complications such as pneumonia and heart complaints."

The unit will publish its new figures today, but the December picture will be blurred by the holiday period.

Extra stocks of flu vaccine, imported from France, The Netherlands and West Germany two weeks ago, have been distributed throughout the country. They are being given to patients considered to be at high risk of infection, particularly the elderly in hospitals or residential care, and people with chronic lung and heart conditions.

The 180,000 extra doses were needed because the Department of Health's three million doses were exhausted before the epidemic began.

● The epidemic could contribute to deaths from meningitis, the Meningitis Research Appeal said yesterday. It urged people to contact their doctor immediately if they suspected that flu symptoms could be involved in the ouset of the disease.

The charity said that from January 1 to December 1 this year there were 2,523 cases of acute meningitis of which more than 1,000 cases (40 per cent) were of the more severe meningococcal form. A total of 165 cases were fatal.

"It is estimated that the real numbers could be twice as high because of difficulties in diagnosis and notification," the Bristol-based charity said.

Children aged under five were most susceptible, and one in 20 who contracted the meningococcal form died.

Ceausescu family wrecks home

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the Romanian people rose against his detested regime. The message was "Happy New Year, hope to see you here soon." By the time the card was posted, the first attacks on the buildings were already under way, and no sooner had Colonel Iotino received it than his patron was under arrest and awaiting execution by firing squad.

By Western standards, the Ceausescu complex in Scornicesti was not the height of luxury, but to ordinary poverty-stricked Romanians it must have seemed a palace.

An indoor swimming pool, a sauna, a kitchen with large fridge, washing machine and, wonders, a microwave oven; the house had underfloor heating throughout, a spacious garden in which the family's original house has been preserved, and a brick-built garage the average Romanian would have been happy to convert into a home.

In room after room, treading over nightdresses, woven rugs and a carpet of books (Marx and Engels included), we found photographs of the late and unlamented President clumsily retouched to obliterate his wrinkles and an unflattering double chin.

● News of the deaths was greeted with dancing ●

In the cellar of the main house, shelf after shelf of bottles of fruit were fermenting vigorously in the warmth.

"Drunkeas," said the soldiers, miming the downing of a glass or two.

This was also where Ceausescu, hailed as a crack-shot hunter, kept his spare trophies — a beautifully mounted pheasant, a hawk of some sort, and, less impressively, a pair of stuffed squirrels.

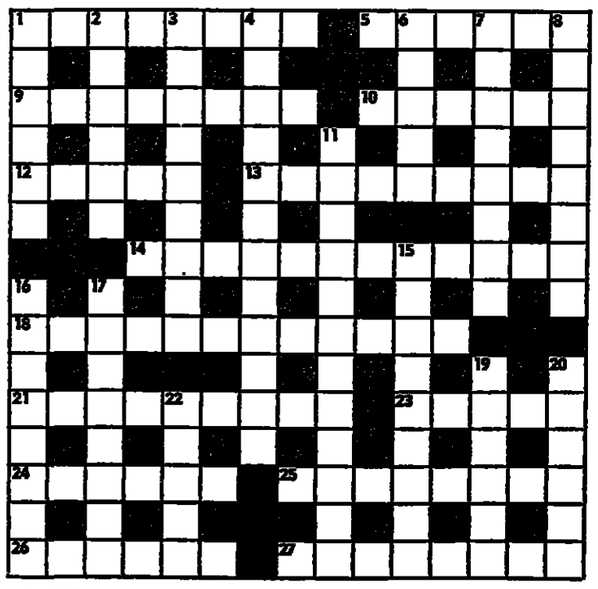
Out on the main street, people were bursting to tell me how joyfully the fall of the Ceausescus had been celebrated in Scornicesti. When news of the executions came through, a teacher told me, there was a spontaneous outbreak of dancing in the central square with nobody caring — probably not even noticing — that it had began to snow.

He said: "It's true that the town did well from the connections of the Ceausescu Mafia. But that always made us very ashamed in the company of other Romanians. There were often nasty jokes about people from Scornicesti, especially after Ceausescu announced that the workers here were the best in the land. I almost wish we had needed to fight for our freedom like Bucharest and Timisoara."

As it was, barely a shot had been fired in anger, despite some lurid reports to the contrary: just a few miles away in Slatina, asking for directions, I had been given vivid warnings about the danger from Securitate "terrorists" still lurking in the frozen countryside.

In the biggest town nearby, Craiova, initial reports of heavy casualties also appear to have been greatly exaggerated.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,177



ACROSS

1 Fighter's sporting misconduct reported after match (8).
5 French quack's source for rumour (6).
9 Collar Merchant of Venice with audacity (4,4).
10 I reached around painter (6).
12 Soldiers in the old retreat — not ours (5).
13 Overhear fall in Eden, say? (9).
14 Pupils that are industrious, though by no means noble (7-5).
18 Train leader after fool gets source of extra power (6,6).
21 Toy manufactured at Derby — limited edition in it (5,4).
23 Lower to the ground, say? Just the opposite (5).
24 Board makes them quickly remove cover from branches (6).
25 Author entering in a competition (8).
26 It's hard in part of ocean steamer for Jack's mate (3-3).
27 Addition to rig of no help in the doldrums? (8)

DOWN

1 Animal in Noah's Ark (6).
2 Tropical author (6).
3 Witty bishop covers a single sensitive area (5,4).
4 A specialist at 25, one who guards entrance? (6-6).
6 A wife? Never wrong (5).
7 Like some vital passages from charter I altered (8).
8 Cross when upset, pots badly in part of opening frame (8).
11 Supporter of the latest ad as TV rating collapses (5-7).
15 Not a lot of money to recover, as gold is set on target (9).
16 One might get work on *Times*, for example, but not *Mail*, we hear (8).
17 Lie in bed, poorly, not fit to eat (8).
19 Note article's extreme points (6).
20 Old Indian province bowled maiden, having put in England's openers (6).
22 Country gets rid of striker with special delivery (5)

Solution to Puzzle No 18,176

C	A	N	T	E	R	B	U	R	Y		T	I	F	F
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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

LEGENDS

CAORA
a. A golden-tressed princess
b. A topsy-turvy river
c. A magical fruit juice

BORAK
a. A flying horse
b. An anthropophagous Persian giant
c. A Russian hero

CALIDORE
a. Venus, the fair-giver
b. The Queen of Lilliput
c. A courteous knight

GRISELDA
a. A wicked witch
b. A patient wife
c. A changeling princess

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WEATHER

The cloud will break in places overnight, particularly in central Scotland, leaving frost and patchy fog which may be slow to clear. The South-west of England will enjoy the best of the sun while Northern Ireland and western Scotland may have some rain. A moderate easterly wind will make central and eastern England feel considerably cooler. Outlook: little change over the weekend.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	s	Majorca	14	57	f
Alicante	18	64	f	Malaga	16	61	c
Alex'dria	21	70	s	Malta	14	57	c
Algiers	19	66	s	Melb'rne	19	61	c
Amst'dm	2	36	d	Mexico C*	-	-	-
Athens	13	55	c	Miami*	21	70	s
Bahrain	20	68	s	Milan	4	39	s
Barbade*	28	82	f	Montreal*	-23	-9	s
Barcelna	14	57	f	Moscow	-4	25	f
Belgrade	-1	30	sn	Munich	-2	28	f
Berlin	-1	30	s	Nairobi	27	81	s
Bermuda*	20	68	s	Naples	8	46	s
Biarritz	14	57	s	N Delhi	16	61	s
Bonn/x	12	54	s	N York*	-3	16	f
Brussels	1	34	d	Nice	10	50	s
Budapst	0	32	s	Oslo	-3	27	f
B Aires*	31	88	s	Paris	0	32	fg
Cairo	22	72	s	Peking	1	34	s
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Perth	24	75	s
C'blanca	15	59	f	Prague	-2	28	c
Chicago*	-3	27	c	Reykjvk	4	39	sl
Ch'church	-	-	-	Rhodes	-	-	-
Cologne	1	34	d	Rio de J	27	81	c
C'phagn	2	36	c	Riyadh	19	66	s
Corfu	11	52	c	Rome	9	48	s
Dublin	6	46	c	Salzburg	-1	30	s
Dubrovnik	10	50	s	S F'isco*	7	45	c
Faro	12	54	r	Santiago*	21	88	s
Florence	7	45	s	S Paulo*	23	73	c
Frankfurt	1	34	c	Seoul	-1	30	f
Funchal	15	59	c	Singapr	-	-	-
Geneva	1	34	c	St'kholm	0	32	c
Gibraltar	15	59	r	Stbrk'rg	-2	28	c
Helsinki	0	32	fg	Sydney	20	68	f
Hong K	19	66	s	Tangier	14	57	c
Innsbruck	0	32	s	Tel Aviv	18	64	s
Istanbul	9	48	f	Tenerife	15	59	r
Jeddah	27	81	f	Tokyo	11	52	s
Jo'burg*	29	84	s	Toronto*	-8	18	sn
Karachi	21	70	s	Tunis	14	57	c
L Palmas	19	66	c	Valencia	14	57	c
La Toquet	4	39	c	Vanc'ver*	4	39	r
Lisbon	10	50	r	Venice	4	39	s
Locarno	3	37	c	Vienna	0	32	s
L Angels*	12	54	c	Warsaw	-3	27	c
Luxembg	-2	28	fg	Wash'ton*	-6	21	f
Luxor	22	72	s	Wel'ton	-	-	-
Madrid	9	48	c	Zurich	-3	27	c

*denotes Wednesday's figures

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	-	7	45	dull
Hunstanton	-	-	7	45	dull
Cromer	0.2	-	6	43	dull
Lowestoft	-	-	7	45	dull
Southend	-	-	7	45	dull
Margate	-	-	8	46	dull
Hastings	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Eastbourne	-	-	8	46	dull
Brighton	-	-	7	45	dull
Littlehmptn	-	.43	7	45	dull
Bognor R	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Selsdown	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Swanage	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Weymouth	-	-	7	45	dull
Teignmouth	-	-	8	46	dull
Torquay	-	-	8	46	dull
Falmouth	-	.02	9	48	cloudy
Scilly Isles	4.5	.01	10	50	bright
Jersey	5.8	-	8	46	sunny
Guernsey	5.3	-	9	48	sunny
Newquay	4.9	-	10	50	sunny
Mumbles	-	-	7	45	dull
P'pool Airpt	2.5	-	8	46	bright
Morecambe	4.5	-	8	48	bright
Appleby	2.5	-	4	39	bright
B'ham Airpt	-	-	7	45	dull
Bristol (Ctrl)	-	-	8	46	dull
Leeds	-	-	8	46	cloudy
London	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Manchester	2.9	-	9	48	bright
Nottingham	-	-	6	43	drizzle
Anglesey	0.1	-	8	46	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	0.1	-	7	45	cloudy
Tenby	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Aberdeen	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Edinburgh	-	-	2	36	fog
Eskdalemuir	3.6	-	3	37	sunny
Glasgow	0.2	-	1	34	fog
Lerwick	3.7	-	6	43	sunny
Prestwick	3.9	-	6	43	bright
Stornoway	2.2	-	7	45	bright
Wick	2.1	-	6	43	sunny
Belfast	1.3	-	7	45	bright

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LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 07C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 07C (45F). Humidity: 6 pm, 88 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,020.2 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly, Guernsey, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Glasgow airport, 0C (32F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.04 in; highest sunshine: Valley, Anglesey, 6.0 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 08C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 03C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.9 hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 01C (34F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -1C (30F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.2 hr.

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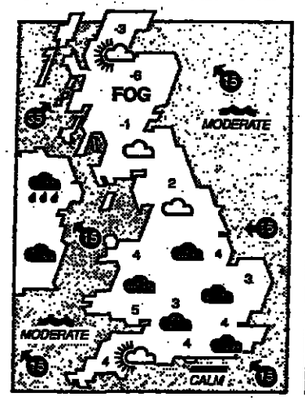

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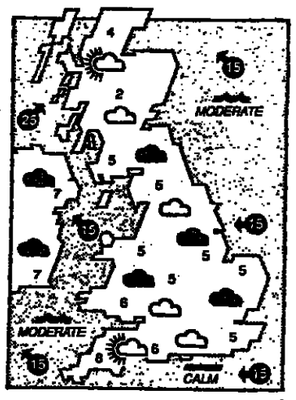


LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 3.59 pm to 8.06 am
Bristol 4.09 pm to 8.16 am
Edinburgh 3.46 pm to 8.44 am
Manchester 3.57 pm to 8.25 am
Penzance 4.27 pm to 8.21 am

Sun rises: 8.06 am — Sun sets: 3.59 pm
Moon rises 9.22 am — Moon sets 5.17 pm
First Quarter January 4

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

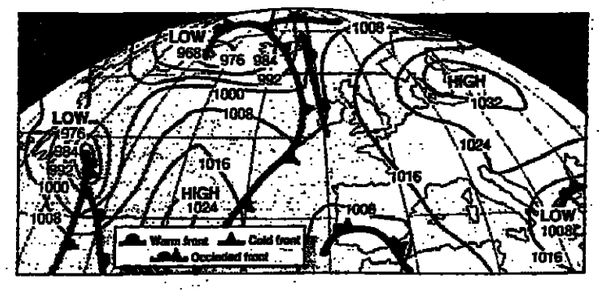
	C	F		C	F
Belfast	7	45c	Guernsey	8	46s
B'mingham	7	45c	Inverness	-2	28s
Blackpool	7	45s	Jersey	7	45s
Bristol	8	46c	London	7	45c
Cardiff	8	45c	M'chester	8	46s
Edinburgh	-1	30fg	Newcastle	6	43f
Glasgow	0	32c	N'ridaway	6	46f

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.18	6.8	2.43	6.8	Liverpool	11.50	9.0	—	—
Aberdeen	1.58	4.0	1.55	4.2	Lowestoft	10.11	2.2	10.05	2.5
Avonmouth	7.51	12.3	8.09	12.1	Margate	12.25	4.6	12.52	4.5
Belfast	11.37	3.4	11.57	3.1	Milford Haven	6.52	6.7	7.12	6.5
Cardiff	7.36	11.4	7.54	11.3	Newquay	5.42	6.7	6.02	6.5
Devonport	6.25	5.4	6.48	5.1	Oban	6.24	3.9	6.39	3.7
Dover	11.37	6.2	12.00	6.4	Penzance	7.24	4.2	7.46	3.9
Falmouth	5.55	5.2	6.16	4.9	Portland	7.36	2.1	7.58	1.9
Glasgow	1.06	4.3	1.20	4.7	Portsmouth	11.56	4.4	—	—
Harwich	12.08	3.7	12.34	3.7	Shoreham	11.43	6.9	—	—
Holyhead	10.55	5.5	11.19	5.2	Southampton	11.29	4.4	—	—
Hull	6.57	6.8	7.04	7.1	Swansea	6.57	9.0	7.16	8.8
Ilfracombe	6.31	8.8	6.49	8.6	Tees	4.16	5.0	4.21	5.4
King's Lynn	7.05	6.0	7.08	6.4	Wilton-on-Hze	12.01	3.9	12.27	3.9
Leith	3.14	5.2	3.23	5.3					

Tide in metres: 1m=3.28ft. Times are GMT

NOON TODAY



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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6137 (–0.0113)

W German mark
2.7204 (–0.0258)

Exchange index
85.8 (–0.7)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1896.2 (–0.7)

FT-SE 100
2398.8 (+3.0)

USM (Datastream)
152.06 (+0.14)

Market report, page 28

Surging mark forces pound to record low

By Colin Narbrough
Economics Correspondent

The pound fell to its lowest ever level against the German mark yesterday despite bouts of Bank of England intervention.

Sterling closed at DM2.7204 – a pfennig and a half below the previous record low set on February 3, 1987 – as nervousness over this morning's UK trade figures reinforced the impact of a powerful mark.

Compared with Wednesday's finish, the pound was nearly 3 pfennigs down.

It also lost ground against the dollar to finish $1.6140 – over a cent on the previous close.

Though mainly attributed to the "Eastern Europe" bonus driving the West German currency to new heights, the pound's weakness yesterday appeared to be broader-based, with the trade-weighted index falling 0.7 point to 85.8, matching the low reached after Mr Nigel Lawson's resignation as Chancellor.

Evidence of a narrowing trade gap in November should give the pound a boost, offsetting some of the damage that the surging mark has wrought on sterling and most other leading currencies. But a bad trade number is almost certain to push the pound lower, possibly forcing the Government to raise interest rates still further to prevent a depreciating pound from sucking in inflation.

City forecasters expect a current account deficit of about £1.5 billion, broadly unchanged from October.

The Bank of England moved to prop up the pound soon after the market opened, selling dollars and European currency units for pounds as a way of intervening indirectly against the mark. Other European central banks intervened to support their currencies against the mark. Foreign exchange dealers identified only modest intervention on sterling's behalf, suggesting that the Bank wanted to smooth the fall and simply signal its dislike of the weaker pound rather than force it up again.

The extreme thinness of the market in the week between Christmas and New Year has allowed exaggerated movements in the foreign exchange markets.

Continued demand for marks drove the currency higher across the board, but currency analysts are already looking forward to a technical correction, probably early in the New Year. On top of the opening up of Eastern Europe, the mark is benefiting from relatively high West German interest rates and soaring foreign demand for West German shares.

In Frankfurt, it ended at DM1.6890 to the dollar, slightly above the previous close and its highest against the US unit since May last year.

Against a basket of 18 leading currencies, the mark now stands at 186 per cent of its value at the end of 1972.

● Vehicle registrations fell again last month confirming that the slowdown in consumer demand extends wider than retail sales. New registrations of cars last month were 3 per cent lower than a year earlier at 147,000. In the three months to November registrations were 5 per cent lower than the previous three months after seasonal adjustment, though they were still higher over the past year than in the previous year.

New registrations of all vehicles were down 5 per cent on the same month a year ago at 182,000. In the three months to November registrations on this basis, as for cars, were 5 per cent lower than in the previous three months seasonally adjusted.

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KKR firm files for protection

Hillsborough Holdings Corporation, a company owned by Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co, the New York leveraged buyout specialist, has filed for protection under the US Chapter 11 bankruptcy laws.

Hillsborough is the first KKR private holding to seek bankruptcy protection and was closely watched in the junk-bond market that has financed such costly takeovers.

KKR formed Hillsborough last year as part of its $2.4 billion (£1.48 billion) takeover of Jim Walter Corporation, a building materials company.

Gold drops

The London gold price tumbled $7.65 to $398.60 an oz at the afternoon fix in a widespread backlash against precious metals. It has now fallen by nearly $15 in two days. Tempus, page 26

STOCK MARKETS

New York:
Dow Jones ..... 2728.03 (+3.63)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average . 38876.94 (+75.31)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2895.43 (–33.82)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency ..... 185.0 (+0.1)
Sydney: AO ..... 1648.8 (–3.0)
Frankfurt: DAX ... 1790.37 (+18.93)
Brussels:
General ..... 6476.39 (+21.49)
Paris: CAC ..... 552.0 (+3.2)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 619.4 (+6.8)
London:
FT–A All-Share ... 1193.66 (+2.14)
FT–"500" ..... 1298.96 (+3.11)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 314.9 (+3.8)
FT. Fixed Interest .... 92.53 (–0.14)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 84.16 (–0.10)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Amec ..... 463½p (+18p)
S Miller ..... 186½p (+13p)
Tilbury Group ..... 612½p (+12p)
British Borneo ..... 700p (+10p)
Candover ..... 257½p (+10p)
Harvey Thompson . 477½p (+15p)
Wardle Storeys ..... 324p (+24p)
DAKS Simpson 'A' . 487½p (+15p)
Liberty ..... 435p (+15p)
Pearson ..... 766½p (+12p)
J Smurfit ..... 637½p (+15p)
Euro-Disneyland ..... 985p (+10p)
Water Package Unit . £1550 (+£30)
Kelsey Inds ..... 457½p (+10p)
Savoy Hotels 'A' ..... 880p (+10p)
Chemring ..... 595p (+10p)
Davies & Newman ..... 735p (+10p)
FALLS:
Westpac ..... 263p (–14p)
Carlton Comm ..... 791½p (–19p)
Gresham House ..... 345p (–10p)
Closing prices
Bargains 27219
SEAQ Volume 423.8m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 15%
3-month interbank 15⅛-15 1/16%
3-month eligible bills: 14 17/32-14 7/16%
US: Prime Rate 10½%
Federal Funds 9⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.69-7.67%*
30-year bonds 101 25/32-101 27/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6137	£: $1.6137*
£: DM2.7204	$: DM1.6872*
£: SwFr2.4787	$: SwFr1.5385*
£: FFr9.3242	$: FFr5.7650*
£: Yen230.97	$: Yen143.20*
£: Index:85.8	$: Index:67.2
ECU £0.743157	SDR £0.811085
£: ECU1.345610	£: SDR1.232916

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $400.40 pm-$398.60
close $400.75-401.25 (£248.25-248.75)
New York:
Comex $399.40-399.90*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Feb) .... $20.00 bbl ($20.20)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.08	1.85
Austria Sch	19.85	18.75
Belgium Fr	60.25	58.35
Canada $	1.955	1.845
Denmark Kr	11.03	10.43
Finland Mkk	6.84	6.44
France Fr	9.71	9.11
Germany Dm	2.835	2.685
Greece Dr	274	249
Hong Kong $	13.29	12.39
Canada Pt	1.088	1.018
Italy Lire	2140	2010
Japan Yen	245.50	229.50
Netherlands Gld	3.195	3.015
Norway Kr	11.10	10.44
Portugal Esc	253	237
South Africa Rd	4.35	3.95
Spain Pta	184	172
Sweden Kr	10.45	9.85
Switzerland Fr	2.59	2.43
Turkey Lira	4220	3920
USA $	1.70	1.59
Yugoslavia Dnr	refer	150000

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Retail Price Index: 118.5 (November)

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State-owned group forms partnership with General Portfolio

French insurer pays £106m in British link

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

General Portfolio, one of the fast-growing life assurance groups in Britain, is to forge a partnership with a state controlled French insurance group, which will inject £106 million of new capital and gain voting control.

The complex deal will value the Harlow-based unit-linked specialist at £230 million.

Groupe des Assurances Nationales, the fifth largest French insurance group, will take an initial 51 per cent stake in General Portfolio by injecting £46 million cash for new shares and buying 40 per cent of existing holdings for nearly £75 million.

It will also subscribe £60 million for new shares in two further annual tranches to fund planned expansion.

Mr Vincent Isaacs, General Portfolio's chairman and chief executive, said the group had reviewed its future strategy a year ago and decided that the financial services market would pivot on the level of service offered to customers.

"This is expensive in terms of investing in infrastructure and a wider range of products, and requires capital," he said. "Now we can go for it. We are only just beginning".

The group increased its new annual premium income by 80 per cent to £81.5 million in the year to end-June as well as writing £54 million of single premium business.

Under the complex deal, which must be approved by the unquoted group's thousand shareholders, GAN's offer will extend to the remaining 60 per cent of shareholdings in stages that can last over 10 years at actuarially fixed formula prices based on performance.

GAN will also subscribe to its new shares at these prices, which could be about double the 300p per share initial offer price in 1992, depending on performance.

But both GAN and General Portfolio's board hope it will eventually become a fully quoted company rather than existing shareholders selling out completely to GAN.

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In March 1988, when General Portfolio raised £30 million from a private placing to institutions, including Ensign Trust, it planned a stock market listing within three years.

But Mr Isaacs, who owns about 15 per cent of the capital before the GAN subscription, said that new business had grown twice as fast as expected, bringing the classic strain on costs.

In the year to end-June, General Portfolio showed a £54 million pre-tax profit. But this was more than accounted for by the non-distributable "embedded" profits from long-term policies in force, and the profit and loss account otherwise showed a net deficit of £14 million.

Mr Isaacs, aged 53, founded an insurance broking business in 1964 and bought the practically dormant life assurance company in 1974. "It has not been easy to scramble from humble beginnings," he said.

Expansion has accelerated, particularly since the group concentrated on selling its policies through its own sales force.

Annualized new regular premium income has grown 25 fold in the past four years and the long-term insurance fund has grown from £44 million to £264 million.

Mr Isaacs said he had talked to several continental partners and that GAN had also talked to other life companies in Britain before they had selected each other. He said the deal was "a wedding settlement" rather than a takeover.

GAN, which is 85 per cent state-owned, has an estimated premium income of Fr27 billion (£2.93 billion) this year, and a substantial interest in banking. It operates in 17 countries, and owns Minster Insurance, a non-life company, in Britain.

ALISTAIR GRANT

'Just the beginning': Vincent Isaacs of General Portfolio at his Harlow office yesterday

Japan plan to cut trade surplus

From a Correspondent, Tokyo

As part of its aim to expand dramatically its import of manufactured goods, Japan yesterday announced plans for tax measures to reduce the country's massive trade surplus. The surplus is the subject of talks with the US.

Central to the import expansion plan are tax credits for those Japanese companies that are seen to be raising imports. The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), which designed the plan, estimates it will cost $1 billion a year in lost tax revenue.

The tax incentives are to be supported by an additional $1.5 billion in loans and import credits, tariff cuts resulting in loss of $300 million of revenue a year, and the $100 million a year cost of publicising the import plans.

The programme essentially depends on the passage of a tax reform bill before parliament. If that bill is passed in the session beginning in January, the tax incentives would become effective on April 1. About 50 per cent of the total of manufactured imports to Japan will be eligible under the tax-credit system.

News of the programme received an immediate response from companies abroad, according to MITI. An official noted the lack of response from US companies had been conspicuous.

Mr Masahisa Naitoh, director General of MITI's International Trade Administration Bureau, warned that "even if we put into place a certain system, a certain institution, no positive factors will result without individual participation".

MITI says the programme is aimed at the portion of Japan s massive trade surplus that is not attributable to macro-economic causes, such as exchange rates and the US budgetary deficit which the ministry estimates at 20 per cent. Japan's trade surplus totalled $4.493 billion in November.

"Fundamentally, we believe that for the purpose of reducing Japan's trade surplus, macro-economic management will be indispensable," said Mr Naitoh. The Government believes Japan's large surpluses might spark an international backlash and lead to the destruction of the free-trade system if they are not reduced, he added.

Shares break 2400 barrier

By Martin Waller

Share prices surged over the 2400 barrier for much of the trading day in London yesterday but the sharp improvement could not be maintained and the FTSE 100 index ended the day up 3.0 points at 2398.8.

The index had been as high as 2411.8 in mid-morning trading, a gain of 16 points. This compares with a record of 2,443.4 in July 1987, before the stock market crash. The highest it has been this year was 2,426.0 in September.

Confidence was helped by a round of share tips, a firm overnight Wall Street and yet another record in Tokyo, where the Nikkei average finished on 38,876.94, up 75.31 points.

The London market looked set to finish 1989 with strong gains. The FTSE index ended 1988 at below 1,800, streaking ahead to a 34 per cent rise over the next 12 months. By comparison the Dow Jones had managed a comparable rise of just 26 per cent by the time the London market closed last night.

But London, which managed only a 5 per cent advance during 1988, has been completely outpaced since the October 1987 crash by Tokyo and Wall Street. City observers were split on estimates for 1990, although few predicted an outright fall. Mr Glenn Barlow, assistant director at Schroder Securities, is bearish, believing that the impact of the economic slowdown has yet to be fully appreciated by the market.

"What I am concerned about next year is when companies with a December year end start reporting and we really see the effects of high interest rates," he added. His prediction is for a FTSE 100 index of just 2,500 by the end of next year.

Kleinwort Benson's view is somewhat more bullish, although it shares Schroders' worries for the coming company reporting season. Kleinwort concurs with the general City view that interest rates will start to fall one side or the other of the Budget. It believes the coming reporting season will be "quite disappointing," depressing shares. Meanwhile the pound will stay relatively weak, particularly against the mark.

"We believe the market will then start to make progress, with interest rates down from 15 to 12 per cent by the fourth quarter," Kleinwort continues. It expects the FTSE index to end at about 2,700.

Leading the bulls in London is Nomura International, the Japanese securities house. Its forecast is for a FTSE index of 2,700 by end-March, advancing to 3,000 by the year-end.

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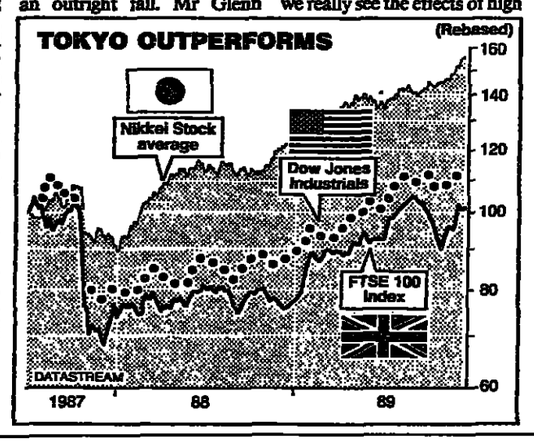

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B&C forced to drop reorganization plan

Shareholders in revolt at Colonnade

By Jeremy Andrews

British & Commwealth has halted plans to tidy up its venture capital business after protests by shareholders. Today's special meeting called by Colonnade, an investment trust managed by B & C Development Capital, has been called off.

The objectors, mostly local authority pension funds, were violently opposed to the plans which would have left Colonnade'a managers owning 25 per cent of the equity. Many would prefer a straightforward liquidation of the group's assets. Colonnade has withdrawn its proposals for the time being.

Opposition surfaced just before Christmas when Stratagem, an investment company owning 4.5 per cent of Colonnade, launched a pre-conditional bid "in order to sound the alarm" and to protect the value of its holding.

Earlier this month, Colonnade told shareholders that B & C might shortly no longer be in position to provide it with investment management services. Under its reorganization proposals, Colonnade's managers would buy B & C's 8.7 per cent stake at 120p and would be granted performance related options over a further 15 per cent of Colonnade's equity.

Colonnade would also acquire B & C Development Capital for net asset value of around £120,000 and purchase B & C Ventures' stakes in Verson International, a machine-tool maker, and Sherwood Computer Services, for £2.34 million.

Colonnade's two top executives, Mr Ian Hislop and Mr Richard Wevill, would enter three-year service contracts at an annual salary of £80,000 plus benefits of £30,000.

These plans were vigorously opposed by leading shareholders, including the Merseyside Superannuation Fund, with 9.9 per cent, and the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, which has 7.3 per cent.

The objector shareholdersr feel that a straightforward liquidation of the investment trust would be a better approach, as cash accounted for £4 million of its £9.75 million net assets in October.

Stratagem, an investment company associated with Mr Roger Abraham of Cannon Street Investments, and Mr Peter Beckwith of London & Edinburgh Trust, says that its pre-conditional bid is worth at least 142p.

Rodney Lord charts a turbulent decade for the pound

Sterling rides the roller-coaster

The Eighties end with the doleful spectacle of sterling hitting new all-time lows against the mark. For the pound it has been a decade of extremes, from the strength of the oil-rich, high interest rate early years to the more familiar periods of weakness of late.

Yet despite the enormous increase in capital flows the 1990s appear to augur greater stability in currency markets rather than less.

The last 10 years have seen the idea of currency stability suddenly become respectable again. The collapse of the Bretton Woods system in 1972 ushered in a decade and a half of floating exchange rates during which currencies, propelled by two oil price crises and widely varying fiscal and monetary policies, fluctuated widely.

But in the last three years the world has at least begun to pay lip-service to the idea of greater stability, and in the 1990s there is every likelihood that in Europe the bonds between national currencies will tighten further.

The drawbacks of free floating had already become apparent before the decade began. In 1979 the European Monetary System was born, building on the previous experiment of the "snake."

Britain as an EC country was a member, but the Callaghan government did not feel able to link the pound to the exchange rate mechanism.

The early years of the EMS were not notably successful, as Mitterrand's first government experimented with born-again-socialism and was forced to devalue the franc when confronted by the monetarist policies of the Bundesbank.

But gradually realignments became fewer, particularly once the French, partly prompted by the rigours of the EMS, returned to market disciplines in economic policy, and in recent years the EMS has been a zone of stability.

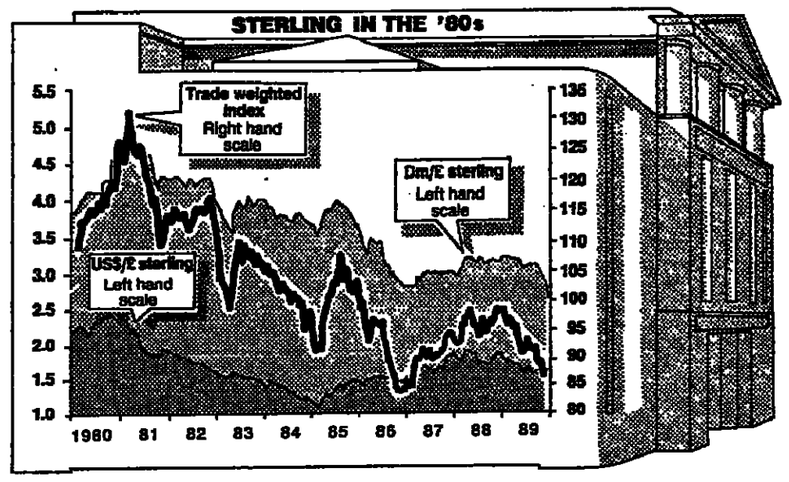
Outside continental Europe there was little interest in harmonization of exchange rate policy during the first half of the decade. These years were dominated by a long rise in the dollar as the counter-inflation policies pursued by Paul Volcker, then Federal Reserve Board chairman, kept money tight and the dollar rising.

By the end of 1984 the US currency had risen 66 per cent from DM1.76 at end 1979 to DM2.92. But a couple of months later the tide turned and the dollar went into a long decline, which only ended around Christmas 1987.

The immediate causes of the turnround were growing worries about the financial system coupled with evidence that the US economy was beginning to slow. Underlying the move was a gradual turn towards more expansionary policies and the growing spectre of the US budget deficit.

Realignments have become fewer and the EMS has been a zone of tranquility

History may see the Plaza meeting of finance ministers of the Group of Five in New York in September 1985 as simply endorsing a movement in the currency which was already well under way. But the meeting was significant in being the first sign of international co-operation on an exchange rate framework over the medium term.



A more important landmark was the Louvre meeting in February 1987, by when international concern was no longer with the dollar's strength but its weakness. The Louvre Accord set a preference for exchange rate stability among the Group of Seven (minus the Italians who left in a huff) which still holds today.

The mark's performance over the period has largely been the mirror image of the dollar, with a long fall in dollar terms during the first five years followed by a recovery. At about DM1.7050 to the dollar it is only slightly stronger than at the beginning of the decade when it was DM1.76.

The yen, by contrast, has appreciated fairly constantly, rising most of the way with the dollar from Y238 to the dollar at the end of 1979 to Y245 at the end of 1984, and then continuing to rise to its present level of Y144, though below the levels of a year ago.

Sterling's performance against the background of these longer term trends has been highly variable, though falling for much of the period.

The decade opened with the new Tory government in its high monetarist phase with eyes only for sterling M3. Boosted by North Sea oil and interest rates, which rose to 16 per cent in October 1981 in an attempt to control the uncooperative monetary aggregates, the pound reached a peak against the dollar of more than $2.43.

In January 1982 it touched a peak of 131.9 on the present effective rate index. As the monetary squeeze began to bite, supported by the 1981 budget which raised taxes in the middle of the recession, the government felt able to start bringing interest rates down. As the dollar appreciated sterling declined, steadying to about 115 on the index for most of 1982.

The autumn of 1982 and beginning of 1983 saw a new period of weakness as markets wondered if interest rates, which had reached 9 per cent by November 1982, had fallen too far and began to worry about the election.

Helped by a rise in rates to 11 per cent, sterling recovered in the second quarter of 1983 as it became clear the Tories would win the June election.

For the pound it has been a decade of extremes, from strength to weakness

The long decline from mid-1983 to January 1985 had much to do with continued dollar strength. But it also reflected uncertainties generated by the coal strike and the resulting rise in public spending, and the above-target public sector borrowing requirement. In January 1985 interest rates were raised to 14 per cent and, helped by a cautious budget, sterling recovered.

The fall in 1986 largely reflected the drop in oil prices, as sterling showed its petro-currency characteristics. Between December 1985 and March 1986 the oil price fell from $28 a barrel to less than $13 a barrel.

The Government elected to allow sterling to fall, confident the decline in oil prices would offset the inflationary stimulus of a lower exchange rate. Arguably the decision fuelled both the succeeding boom and the re-emergence of inflation.

Sterling's all-time low was reached on October 8, 1986, with the index at 83.7. From that month the dollar started to recover, following the Louvre accord, and with it the pound. The 1987 budget was well received and the Tories' re-election gave the currency a further boost.

Already, however, the dilemma which was ultimately to lead to Nigel Lawson's resignation had emerged. Interest rates came down in May to prevent the pound from rising, though it was far from clear the cut was justified on domestic monetary grounds.

The dilemma re-emerged in a stronger form a year later. As inflationary pressures became more apparent and the mark strengthened, sterling fell from 97.4 at the end of last year to 86.9 today.

From 1980 to 1986 the trend in sterling was clearly downwards. But since then the pattern has been less obvious. If the currency can make some recovery from its present level it will be possible, despite new lows against the mark, to see a period of greater stability emerging in the latter years of the decade.

BUSINESS SUMMARY

Scottish economy 'may outperform rest of UK'

Scotland's economy may outperform the rest of Britain in 1990, according to Mr Charles Winter, the chief executive of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group. Although 1990 may have a difficult start, recession is by no means inevitable, he predicts. "The high interest rate policy being pursued by the Government against inflation is hurting many of our customers and the downturn in consumer spending will also have an impact on retail business," said Mr Winter.

"Yet there are signs that the Government's policy is bringing credit under control. If this promise is fulfilled and if rates rise no further, I believe we can avoid recession and still achieve a 'soft landing' in 1990. If that proves the case, I expect Scotland to fare better than the UK as a whole."

Cookson to place £123m

Cookson, the metals and chemicals group, is to place $200 million (£123 million) of long term debt with seven US insurance companies. The loan notes, with a coupon of about 9½ per cent, will replace some short term dollar borrowings. Mr Michael Henderson, chairman-designate, says that the move is unconnected with the company's $95 million purchase of Flo-Con.

Water debts 'to top £7bn'

The water industry is expected to issue between £500 million and £1 billion of long-term debt during 1990, according to Kleinwort Benson Securities. It estimates that the total net debt for the industry will be £7.4 billion by 1998, half of it long-term. The companies are expected to raise funds evenly over the period. This would result in a gearing of about 50 per cent of net asset value.

Violence shuts mine

Bougainville Copper is laying off 2,000 employees at its Papua New Guinea copper-gold mine to conserve finances. No early resumption of mining operations is expected. Production at the site stopped in May because of violence and arson but 300 employees will be kept on.

Bougainville produces about 2 per cent of the Western world's copper. Its two leading shareholders — the Papua New Guinea Government with 20 per cent and the Australian CRA with 53.6 per cent — are to make available Kina 45 million (£32.4 million) for up to two years.

Pathfinders profit halved

Profits have more than halved at Pathfinders Group, the USM-quoted employment agency: from £337,000 last time to £142,000 for the six months to end-September. Shareholders will receive no interim dividend whereas a year ago they collected 0.3p a share. Turnover fell to £1.05 million and earnings per share fell from 0.94p to 0.39p. Shares dropped ½p to 11p.

Fergabrook to buy publisher

Fergabrook, the toys, footballs and plastics group, quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, is to acquire the publishing division of a private company, but declined to disclose the identity of the company or terms of the deal. Details will not be available until January 2, but Fergabrook said the deal is not a reverse takeover. Shares in Fergabrook improved 1p to 9½p.

Flexello at £948,000

Flexello Castors & Wheels turned in pre-tax profits of £948,000 for the year to end-September, against £329,000. Following complete restructuring, operating profits rose by 34 per cent to £1.3 million, on turnover up by 14 per cent to £16.5 million. Earnings per share jump from 6.3p to 20.45p, and the final dividend goes up from 3.4p to 3.73p, making 5.4p, an increase of 10.2 per cent.

Interest charges more than doubled at £356,000. Gearing is around 50 per cent, but this should be reduced by the middle of next year.

TEMPUS

The virtues of base metal shares

Colin Campbell, Mining Correspondent, assesses the performance of *The Times* 1989 portfolio

Investors who went digging in mining markets in January would have been reasonably well served by *The Times* portfolio of five mining shares for 1989, achieving an average growth of 31.19 per cent, with four shares up and one down.

The dollar stocks have been helped by weaker sterling which started the year at $1.80 and ended about $1.625, while gold came down from $417 an ounce to end looking $400 in the face.

One share in the portfolio was taken over — and one fell down a mine-shaft.

The portfolio's star performer was Whim Creek, the Australian gold mining company which was subject to a bid in early January and taken over shortly afterwards by Dominion Mining. The shares, assuming that Whim Creek holders followed through into Dominion Mining on the ratio of two-for-one, rose by 129.89 per cent.

The worst performer was Greenwich Resources which tumbled to end the year 50.6 per cent down. As the column said of Greenwich in January: "This share will either make or break the portfolio."

The portfolio has survived Greenwich's fall from grace and January's suggested investment philosophy for 1989 has proved well founded. It held that 1989 would be the year in which investors should consider the virtues of base metal shares.

The London gold price had ended 1988 on a limp note and it was the general view in January that gold would be dreary in 1989. At the start of the year, few were seriously considering buying the metal or the shares and both remained unloved for a number for months. Between January and September, with the exception of the odd blip, the gold price went down.

But looking back, 1989 in its way proved quite a year for gold. But then timing, as in all market sectors, is the key.

From an end-December quote of $417.75, the slide saw gold decline to a year's low of $356.50 an ounce on September 15, at which level there were serious suggestions that the $300 level would soon be challenged.

In the event, September 15 marked the end of the two-year bear cycle in gold, for on that day gold found bottom. The about-turn was swift and sharp and after strong trading in October and early November gold stepped over $400 an ounce.

End of era: ConsGold's Rudolf Agnew lost the war despite fighting off Sir Michael Edwardes

On December 12, gold reached the year's best at $417.25 an oz, helped by rising political tension in Eastern Europe. Ironically, gold ends 1989 having completed a "W", and is finishing at lower levels than it started.

Silver and platinum have averaged lower levels this year. Copper, still basking in a good 1988 year, had its moments in 1989 but dipped back towards year-end. The average lead price has been flat and aluminium weaker. Nickel has been like a roller-coaster. Zinc has been strong.

The 1989 mining year will also be remembered as the one in which after more than 100 years the sun finally set on the worldwide empire of Consolidated Gold Fields, which in its day stretched from Australia, across South Africa, touched Britain and extended to North America.

Mr Rudolph Agnew won the battle against Minorco's Sir Michael Edwardes only to lose the war to Lord Hanson. Hanson's gain was not only Minorco's loss — it was the loss of mining markets too.

A snap-shot summary of the 1989 selections:

Amax — up 13.26 per cent: After its bout of debt sickness and financial woes of the mid-1980s, Amax's corporate health continues to improve, and dividends are at much higher levels now.

In 1989, in what was initially seen as a further demonstration of robust financial health, Amax bid for Falconbridge but at the 11th hour backed away. In 1990, Amax could eye a new target. Hold on.

Cyprus Minerals — up 36.64 per cent: As the second largest US copper producer, Cyprus should be showing magic profits when its 1989 financial year is ruled off.

Despite further copper weakness in 1990 the group's other base metal interests will still help to make Cyprus well favoured by London analysts.

Greenwich Resources — down 50.6 per cent: A year ago Greenwich was battling with technical problems at the Gebeit gold mine in Sudan where the gold vein had been "lost."

It had already started to lose its investment following by mid-January and in February the group lost its chairman in a boardroom re-shuffle. Since then there has been a rights issue and a re-examination of group assets.

After an interim loss nothing exciting should be expected from year-end figures. The shares remain speculative.

Phelps Dodge — up 26.78 per cent: At a current price around $59, the shares trade on less than seven times' prospective earnings. They reached an all-time peak of $77.25 in early September, helped by a $10-a-share special dividend, but since then have fallen under Wall Street's cloud and have been generally dulled by weaker sentiment. But sit tight.

Whim Creek — up 126.89 per cent: In January, Whim Creek stuck out as an Australian gold mining company waiting for a takeover — and along came Dominion Mining, which itself remains worth following.

Mining selections for a 1990 portfolio will be published shortly.

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Share	Start (£)	End (£)	Change (%)
Amax	12.22	13.84	+ 13.26
Cyprus Minerals	11.71	16.00	+ 36.64
Greenwich	0.83	0.41	- 50.60
Phelps Dodge	28.75	36.45	+ 26.78
Whim Creek/Dominion (x2)	0.87	2.00	+129.89
Average growth: 31.19%			

Call for 'a new policy on energy'

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Mr Frank Dobson, the Labour shadow energy spokesman, yesterday urged the Government to adopt a new energy policy and spend more to actively encourage energy efficiency.

Mr Dobson said that despite North Sea oil and gas and abundant coal reserves Britain will import more fuel than it exports during the 1990s unless the policy is put into effect.

He claimed that by the end of this year Britain will have imported the equivalent of 18.5 million tonnes of oil more than it exported.

Mr Dobson added that Britain's energy surplus, worth £6,419 million in 1985, dwindled to just £76 million in the first 10 months of this year and that will be turned into a deficit by the £222 million spent on importing electricity.

"The 1980s under Mrs Thatcher have been a decade of depletion — a rake's progress in which our fuel resources have been squandered," Mr Dobson claimed.

"Our indigenous fuel supplies were the envy of Europe; an island built on coal surrounded by seas rich in oil and natural gas. Yet this reckless Government has managed to curtail our self-sufficiency.

"Instead of having a proper depletion policy for coal and natural gas this Government have had a get-rich-quick policy.

"The next problem is the impact on the overall balance of trade," Mr Dobson said.

"During the last few years of record trade deficits the fuel surplus has been the only hopeful feature. If fuel is now going into deficit the overall position could become very grim indeed."

Threat of low-cost clothing imports 'becoming greater'

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Low-cost countries are becoming a greater threat to British manufacturers of clothing and accessories as imports of these goods are rising at a current rate of 14 per cent, judged on value.

In the first nine months of 1989, the proportion of imports accounted for by low-cost countries rose from 57 to 59 per cent compared with the similar period of 1988, according to the TMS Partnership, an import-export statistical service.

The value of imports in the nine months reached £2.66 billion, up from £2.3 billion in 1988. The proportion of imports from the EC and other developed countries declined from 43 to 41 per cent.

Hong Kong remains the biggest single exporter to Britain of clothing and accessories, at close to £500 million during the first nine months of 1989.

Italy was the second largest, at £256 million, followed by South Korea, West Germany, Portugal, India, France, China and Turkey.

Imports from the Eastern Bloc were showing distinct signs of upturn, even in the third quarter, although, at £52 million for the nine months, account for only a modest proportion of the imports.

This includes the Soviet Union, East Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria and Romania.

● Britain's footwear makers are angry at a decision by the EC to abandon the voluntary restraint agreement (VRA) which has limited imports of Polish footwear since the mid-1970s.

The establishment of the VRA followed complaints from the British Footwear Manufacturers' Federation which maintains that East European footwear — especially Polish — was still priced at levels which often barely cover the costs of the materials alone.

This is why the federation sees as "some compensation" that a similar VRA barrier has been kept for Czechoslovakia.

But Mr Nicholas Calvert, the director general of the federation, condemned the abandonment of the Polish VRA as "pure folly and tantamount in commercial terms to paying an unreliable supplier in full, not merely before delivery but before production has even started."

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Suppliers prepare for bankruptcy protection move

Growing fears of Campeau loan default

New York — Many people dealing directly with Campeau Corporation or trading in its securities express a growing conviction that the troubled company's two US retail subsidiaries will find it difficult to avoid filing for protection from creditors under bankruptcy laws.

Campeau common stock dropped 62.5 cents on Wednesday, or 17 per cent, to $3, in over-the-counter trading in the US after being halted last Friday. The high for the year was $18.62 in September.

Investor concern was the latest sign of a deteriorating situation.

The two retail divisions, Allied Stores and Federated Department Stores, which own Bloomingdale's, Abraham & Straus, Jordan Marsh and other retail chains, said lastFriday that Citibank had notified them that it might place two loans totalling $2.34 billion (£1.44 billion) in default, if they did not convince Citibank of their solvency by Sunday.

A Campeau spokeswoman said on Wednesday that "no conversations have taken place with Citibank since last Friday."

But some suppliers and credit agency executives said that given the bank's threat, Federated and Allied might have to seek court protection under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code.

Mr Kurt Barnard, publisher of the Barnard Retail Marketing Report, in New York, said: "If a default is declared on the Citibank loan, there is no way out of a Chapter 11 filing for Campeau. But that will not be damaging to the better-managed, stronger Campeau stores. They are, for the most part, going businesses and will remain viable."

He added that they were the victims of an ownership that was saddled with debt in the form of interest and principal because it had paid too much for the subsidiaries.

One supplier, Mr Bud Konheim, president of Nicole Miller, a dress producer, said : "What I see happening is a Chapter 11 filing just before they have to pay their debts. The perfect time is just prior to January 10, when the next payments are due."

Those payments are for goods shipped between November 20 and December 20. While there is less Christmas merchandise shipped in December than in November, the payment in January is substantial.

Mr Samuel Miller, chief financial officer of Liz Claiborne Inc., another supplier, said: "I wouldn't think they would make those payments on January 10 if they decide to go to the bankruptcy route."

The filing decision will certainly be made by late January, Federated and Allied executives said.That is when the restructuring committee created by Campeau during its September financial squeeze will report either a voluntary reorganization plan or recommend a reorganization under federal bankruptcy protection.

But there is a rising belief that the bankruptcy move could come before then, and market prices reflect that belief. Even before the Toronto and the over-the-counter exchanges suspended trading last Friday, Campeau's stock had fallen to what traders called "bankruptcy levels."

Another clear indication of difficulty was a statement on Wednesday by Greif Companies, a men's clothing producer, that it would no longer ship to Campeau's Rich's stores in Atlanta until the company's financial stability was clarified.

Federated and Allied raised the possibility of bankruptcy in statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 13. Both said that they expected to have cash-flow problems, possibly as soon as late January.

In the meantime, they said, they would seek concessions from lenders, consider putting other store assets besides Bloomingdale's up for sale and consider refinancing their mortgages.

(New York Times)

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Walt Disney ready to hunt for high-quality $1bn acquisitions

By Melinda Wittstock

Walt Disney, the $15 billion (£9.28 billion) American film, theme park and character merchandiser which has recently set its sights on a move into pop music, plans to seek out acquisitions topping the $1 billion mark next year.

Mr Gary Wilson, who has stepped aside as Disney chief financial officer to head a new committee on group strategy and finance, has said his first task will be to identify high-quality and synergistic acquisitions worth more than $1 billion.

Wall Street analysts believe Disney, seen as the expert's expert at adding value to existing assets through cross-promotion in different areas of the leisure and entertainment businesses, is considering a merger with CBS, one of the four American television networks.

"CBS is the only one up for grabs. But it would be a merger rather than a cash deal," said Mr Andrew Wallach, of Drexel Burnham Lambert in New York.

Although Mr Wilson, who has just signed a five-year contract as a principal adviser to Disney and chairman of the new strategy committee, did not specify in which area Disney was casting its acquisitive eye, he said he was targeting "any companies within our lines of business if the prices became right."

Disney followers on Wall Street agree that the company is also particularly keen on building up its film library assets, the value of which are set to rocket in the 1990s with the advent of digital compact disc videos and interactive television.

Mr Wallach says Disney is likely to be considering the acquisition of a number of TV and film production houses, including: Spelling Entertainment, which is up for sale; Republic Pictures, with a large film library, or Viacom which has a middle-sized film library but sizeable cable and network broadcasting interests.

It may even look to either Paramount Communications or MCA, the only two remaining Hollywood film and media groups after Sony's acquisition of Columbia Pictures and the merger of Time and Warner Communications earlier this year.

Disney, which was beaten by Polygram for both Island Records and A&M and recently set up a new label, Touchstone Records, is also likely to purchase music rights. "They may well look at Chrysalis or any of the other big players," said a Wall Street analyst.

Mr Wilson, who with Mr Michael Eisner, chairman of Disney, and Mr Frank Wells, president, has transformed a business that was struggling only five years ago into a major profitmaker with forecast annual growth of 20 per cent in the next five years, said Disney had been looking for major acquisitions for some time.

"We have not done any major acquisitions because the prices have been too high," said Mr Wilson, who now expects prices to come down next year.

"With $400 million net cash and a huge capacity for debt, Disney would be able to buy anything it wants in its sector," said Mr Wallach.

Mr Judson Green, chief financial officer of Euro Disneyland succeeds Mr Wilson as Disney's chief financial officer.

Bond rescue

Bond Corporation, the troubled Australian group, said it hoped to complete the sale of Bond Brewing, a debt-laden subsidiary, to Bell Resources, another offshoot, for Aus$2 billion (£982 million) by the weekend, to avert pushing the group into receivership.

COMMENT

General Portfolio takes its partner for Euro challenge

There will be a few seasonal sighs of relief in the life assurance sector that one more potential French predator has found its British partner.

General Portfolio, the unquoted group built up by Vincent Isaacs in the image of Allied Dunbar, has been winning the marketing battle but suffering classic new business strain.

That has proved a risky route for some small mutuals but is not such a problem for a company with access to more friendly capital to finance its expansion.

Groupe des Assurances Nationales is buying built-in growth as well as a formula for the single European market on the continent which it might have been hard-pressed to reproduce.

Any relief may be short-lived, however. The list of groups anxious to build great Europe-wide life assurance empires remains long.

This is, moreover, classically a case where it is far easier for continental predators to buy British than vice versa — not to mention the likes of Australian Mutual Provident.

The latter's bid for Pearl, following the shenanigans over Sun Life, boosted shares of life companies in a way that every fund manager could understand, which is certainly not true of life companies in the normal course of business.

Embedded profits and appraisal values are now all the rage in a sector which used to sell on yield and discounted future dividends.

Legal & General, a particularly powerful force in the booming personal pension business, is the grand target in the sector.

The Prudential is still out of most predators reach and it now seems less likely that BAT Industries will be completely broken up, which would have put Allied-Dunbar and the composite Eagle Star on the market.

But most of the activity has been in companies valued at less than £500 million, a group that has inevitably shrunk in terms of quoted stocks. The analysis used in valuing Pearl, the former Abbey Life or Sun Life does not make London & Manchester, Refuge or Britannic look expensive on trading. Of these L&M has the least protection against a takeover.

Sterling is pounded

The erratic nature of the monthly trade figures is widely recognized. But that failed to prevent an outbreak of eve-of-data jitters yesterday which only helped enlarge the damage to the pound inflicted by the rise and rise of the mark.

With even the Swiss and the Dutch having to defend their usually solid currencies against the West German (or should it be pan-German?) unit, holding up sterling was going to be nigh-on impossible. Sensibly, the Bank of England intervened only gently, signalling that it was not going to waste too much money fighting off the mark this week.

So the pound was allowed to fall, this time to its lowest ever against the mark. It shaved a pfennig and a half off its previous worst close to end at DM2.7204.

While everyone can appreciate that the mark's current vigour is the main cause of the recent weakness of the pound, sterling's trade-weighted index must fuel concern about where the pound is headed. Given this week's thinness of the foreign exchange markets, the index was perhaps no reliable guide to underlying sentiment.

That said, an index at 85.8, will not be easily shrugged off, if it persists. John Major's first two months as Chancellor have won him praise. Even his apparently more relaxed approach to the exchange rate is not without its supporters. But how far can the index drop before the weaker pound starts to feed inflation?

A little more, was the reply coming from the City yesterday — probably to around 83. Though a strong mark would not necessarily mean a weak pound, a fresh interest rate hike might still be needed in the New Year.

European Leisure in denial

By Martin Waller

European Leisure, the fast-growing discothèque and theme public house enterprise, has denied that a boardroom row forced the abrupt departure of a director, Mr Michael Quadrini, from his executive duties.

But it admits the police were called to its offices in Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear, after a dispute about some files that Mr Quadrini, a local businessman, attempted to take away.

Mr Quadrini joined the European Leisure board in 1988 when the company bought five of his leisure businesses for £6.5 million. He remains a non-executive director.

Mr Jeremy Howarth, the deputy chairman, denied that there were any plans to oust Mr Quadrini from the board at an extraordinary meeting. But he admitted his departure from his executive duties had come as no surprise.

He said he would be "very surprised" if Mr Quadrini claimed compensation for loss of office. Mr Howarth described the decision to call the police as a "storm in a teacup."

He did not know which side had called them and said the company planned no further action.

Barnett to leave Casket

From A Correspondent

Lord Barnett, the former Labour minister, yesterday stepped down as chairman of Casket, the troubled textile company based in Manchester, after a stormy annual meeting.

He insisted he was stepping down for personal reasons and his resignation had nothing to do with recent poor results from the group.

Mr Vithy Menon, chief executive of Casket, was heavily criticised by shareholders yesterday during the meeting.

The bulk of the criticism was over the company's expansion into Europe, through the acquisition of Blanc des Prés, the French company, at a time when it was facing serious difficulties in its home market.

In the year to end-June, Casket reported a loss of £172,000 and has withheld payment of its final dividend.

Shareholders were also unhappy with the lack of information about the future intentions of a consortium of investors, led by the York Trust Group, which has built up a 26 per cent stake.

The consortium has been given a seat on the board, and the relationship between Mr Menon and the consortium is being examined by the Takeover Panel.

Mr Neil Balfour, for York Trust, indicated that the consortium regarded the stake as an investment and were looking to influence management direction in the group rather than take it over.

Lord Barnett: resignation 'had nothing to do with poor results'

It was a point echoed by Mr Menon, who told the meeting there was "no question of a takeover." He added: "There are lots of experienced people in the consortium who will bring positive benefits to the company."

AFI seeks approval to buy own shares

The struggle for control at Amalgamated Financial Investments, the high-risk investment group, enters a new stage today at an extraordinary meeting to approve plans to buy back its own shares.

The company has denied there is any connection between the departure of Mr Robin Andrews, a non-executive director, and its decision to invest £2.4 million in Sacramento Resources, a US gold mining company, but Mr John Scholes, the chairman, can expect some questioning from the meeting. Amalgamated wants to buy up to 6 million shares, or 13.5 per cent of the total capital.

Fine Art delay

Fine Art Developments, the greeting cards and mail order house, has postponed until the New Year mailing to shareholders further details of its November acquisition of Hestair Hope, the educational supplies and stationery group, and disposal in December of its Australian interests. It gave no reason for the delay.

Campbell sale

A group holding 17 per cent of Campbell Soup, the US food group, was yesterday planning to announce the sale of its stake to the Securities and Exchange Commission. It was expected to state it would oppose attempts by the board to frustrate a sale of the company.

BHP cut

BHP Steel, part of Australia's BHP goup, said electricity supplies to its Newcastle steelworks were temporarily cut in the wake of the Australian earthquake, and it would be some days before normal operations were restored.

Nuclear post

Mr Roy Sanderson, national secretary of the Electrical and Engineering Staff Association, the white collar section of the EETPU, has been reappointed as a part time member of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for three years by Mr John Wakeham, Secretary of State for Energy.

WPP choice

Hungary's ruling Socialist Party has hired Hill and Knowlton, part of the WPP Group, to help it in multi-party elections in March. A recent opinion poll put the Socialists, formerly the Communists, trailing the centrist Hungarian Democratic Forum by 8 per cent.

Mine lay-off

Sydney (Reuter) — Bougainville Copper, seeking to ride out violence at its giant Papua New Guinea copper mine, said it would lay off about 2,000 employees and obtain an injection of new money from its shareholders.

Don't just cry for Argentina

Argentinians emerged from the Christmas weekend to find their currency, the austral, losing a fifth of its value in a day, extending the fall over the past six months to two-thirds.

Although the old nominal rate was wildly over-optimistic and spawned the black market, businessmen in Buenos Aires are openly predicting a return to hyper-inflation and a capital flight that might only be cured by abandoning the national currency.

Expectations of improved living standards are outpacing reality and a new government is taking the easy way out. Every time the currency is devalued, the foreign debt burden only increases, pushing ultimate repayment of existing loans still further away.

Unfortunately, these conditions are not confined to Argentina. Indeed, a return to hyper-inflation in distant Argentina could well prove an augury of an important and depressing trend for the Nineties nearer home.

Conditions in newly freed Eastern Europe parallel those in South America, not least in good intentions. Freedom is also an invitation to excess. The more thoroughgoing the revolution, the harder it will be to demand suffering from the people when the economy fails to perform.

Yugoslavia, where prices have been rising at an annual rate of more than twenty-fold, provides a dire warning to the likes of Hungary, Poland and East Germany. For these three, servicing foreign debt already accounts for around 40 per cent of exports. Poland devalued the zloty again this week, to cut its nominal value by more than three-quarters since the new government was established in September. Inflation is burgeoning in Hungary.

The IMF is trying to ensure that sound economic policies are as much a requirement for a new influx of Western loans as are free elections. But, as is already apparent, thousands did not die in Romania just to continue a policy of keeping the people on short rations to pay off foreign debt.

Argentina considers switch to US dollar

By Our Financial Staff

Argentina is considering using the American dollar as it own currency. Daily price rises have brought fears of hyper-inflation as the Argentinian austral sags towards 2,000 to the dollar, compared with less than 20 a year ago.

Argentinians are thought to have amassed $5 billion inside the country and $50 billion outside.

Grain dealers have also delayed sales of the harvest to avoid quick repatriation into australs.

Inflation reached 200 per cent in July alone and has taken off again this month after monthly rises of about 6 per cent on the cost of living in October and November.

Señor Erman González, the latest economy minister, said in a radio interview that he would defend the currency and oppose moves to use the dollar internally, but did not rule them out.

"Technically, there would be nothing wrong with total dollarization," he said.

Panama and Liberia use the dollar, and the Hong Kong dollar has had a fixed rate against its American equivalent for several years.

See Comment

Astra shares down 23p after £3m loss

By Neil Bennett

Shares in Astra Holdings, the ammunition manufacturer, slumped 23p to 70p when the company announced a collapse into losses of £3.43 million for the half-year to September.

This compared to a profit of £4.05 million for the same period in 1988.

Mr Gerald James, the chairman, said the company is trying to renegotiate its £24.6 million acquisition of PRB, a Belgian ammunition maker, last July after a disagreement over its profit forecast.

Due to the losses, Astra is cancelling its interim dividend, which was 1.75p last time. During the half, sales fell 10 per cent to £39.6 million, despite a first time contribution from PRB.

Mr James blamed the fall on the delay in orders worth more than £12 million.

He said the company's order book of £230 million was its highest ever, and Astra should return to profit in the full year.

The company is challenging a forecast from Société Générale de Belgique, PRB's previous parent, that it would be profitable this year and is trying to reduce its price.

Oryx UK begins operations as leading oil independent

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Britain's most recently formed oil company, Oryx UK Energy, begins operations on January 1 with $1.1 billion's worth of exploration and production assets in its portfolio and a commitment to expand in the North Sea.

The company intially bid $1.3 billion for a package of North Sea and other oil exploration and production assets put on the market by BP. It will be the largest independent oil and gas producer in the world, a title once claimed by Britoil before it was taken over by BP.

Ironically, many of the portfolio's assets acquired by Oryx were formerly held by Britoil, but they are more tax-efficient to a new owner than they would have been to BP. The new deal has been approved by Mr Peter Morrison, the Energy Minister responsible for the oil industry.

Approval: Peter Morrison

The properties acquired are 85 per cent in the North Sea with the remainder scattered throughout the world, at sites in Indonesia, Ecuador, Gabon and Italy. The $200 million worth of assets for which Oryx originally bid, but which were acquired by existing BP partners under pre-emption rights, are in Italy, Dubai, Colombia and block 15 in the North Sea which contains a significant gas condensate discovery.

Mr Robert Keiser is first president and chief executive of Oryx UK. The president of the Dallas-based parent group, Oryx Energy, Mr Robert Hauptfuhrer, said: "Since 85 per cent of our overseas properties will be in the North Sea it is imperative we establish a presence in the UK." The acquisition of the BP assets gives Oryx a further 246 million barrels of proved oil reserves at a cost of about $4.24 a barrel providing one billion barrels of oil reserves in its portfolio.

No time to talk turkey

The North-South divide lives on . . . when it comes to working between Christmas and New Year, that is. The financial recruitment consultant Harrison Willis has conducted a survey this week into the "top 100" companies and "top 30" accountants to find out which are open for business as usual. And it discovered that while 12.5 per cent of firms with London head offices were not working, that rose to a surprising 40 per cent outside the capital. Indeed, in a separate survey of 180 companies in the South-west, only 25 per cent were working on Wednesday and 50 per cent yesterday. Of those who have been working, accountants employed in industry seem to have had the toughest time. "All the accountancy firms were open for business but it is the finance departments of companies who have been working the hardest," says Tony Goodwin, who carried out the surveys. "With deadlines to meet for December year-ends, some had not even been home to open their presents or eat their turkey."

Team work

Welshmen Barrie Tyler, 36-year-old chief executive at Allied Provincial, and Edward Gilberts, 40, until recently with NIG Lyddon, have teamed up to run a new Cardiff office for Robert White & Co, the TSB Group's aggressive, stockbroking side. The branch will be White's fifth — it already operates in Manchester, Cheltenham and the City as well as its base, Edinburgh — and it will offer a full range of services to both private clients and smaller and medium-sized companies. Following its acquisition of Bell Lawrie, the largest private-client stockbroker in Edinburgh, it now claims to have more than 50,000 clients, with £3 billion of funds between them. And the group will, in due course, change its name to Bell Lawrie White. "Stockbroking has an exciting future in South Wales," says Caerphilly-born Tyler, who only switched to stockbroking in the 1980s after being in local government. "We'll be looking for quality private-client and institutional business as well as for a big thrust into corporate finance."

"Market conditions are thin too."

Just chequeing

A teacher in Birmingham was irritated to receive a letter from his bank manager just before Christmas. It read: "Your bank account appears to be overdrawn." He wrote back: "Please write again when you are absolutely certain."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Requiem for Noriega

News that loud rock music was being played in an attempt to drive General Noriega, the former Panamanian dictator, out of the Vatican embassy in Panama City, clearly brightened up an otherwise dull day in the Square Mile. Staff at one leading discount house put out a question on their page on Reuters' electronic information service, asking what would be the most appropriate tune. Their receptionist, who had been enjoying one of the quietest days of the year, was suddenly inundated with more than 70 telephone calls, from all over the world, proposing such songs as . . . *Do You Know the Way to San Jose?, I Spied for the FBI, Rubber Bullets*, and *God Didn't Make Those Little Green Pineapples.*

Art finds for auction

The mystery of 15 oil portraits unearthed behind wine racks at Locket's, the Marsham Street restaurant frequented by MPs and now being turned into Green's Westminster by Simon Parker-Bowles — already owner of Green's, Duke Street, and the Greenhouse, beside the Royal Exchange — has been solved. Parker-Bowles had presumed that they must be of past politicians — until he invited Julian Payne, one-time general manager of the Ritz and now a PR man in business with his wife, Judith Dagworthy, a former Savoy press officer, to examine them. And Payne tells me that he recognized them as part of a set of 60 or so commissioned from American artist Philip Core by Lord Matthews when he was chairman of Trafalgar House — owner of the Ritz — of that hotels most regular guests. "We're not sure how they ended up at Locket's, they're about 4ft high and abstract, in the Andy Warhol vein," says Payne. Featuring such personalities from the past as Evelyn Waugh, Sir Osbert Sitwell, Margot Asquith and Nubar Gulbenkian, Payne laments that all of them are now dead. "The style of the paintings is not really in keeping with the decor of Green's and so if anybody would like to auction them on behalf of a charity we would be happy to donate them. They're not the sort of paintings that would be conducive to having another port — in fact, they might drive patrons away."

Carol Leonard

Rush to set up representative offices and joint ventures

Japanese take Eastern bloc trail

By A Correspondent

Japanese companies are rushing to stake their claims to new business opportunities in a liberalized Eastern bloc and Soviet Union, but business analysts say that they are unlikely to strike quick profits.

"In the short term, Japan has absolutely no chance to boost trade with those countries," said a researcher at the Japan External Trade Organization (Jetro).

"Political reforms will not bring about more trade," he said. "Rather, the reforms could have a negative effect and disrupt established channels of business communication."

One problem is that many of the countries lack foreign currency to pay for products from the West. "Those countries are unable to buy much even if consumer demand at home is strong," Jetro said. Despite such warnings, Japanese companies, including trading houses, electronic firms and car makers, have high hopes. They are hurrying to set up representative offices and joint ventures in East Germany, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union. NEC Corporation said it plans to open representative offices in Budapest and Warsaw before April 1 and another in Moscow sometime later.

"Our decision is based on the assumption that the market for data communications networks in the region will expand, and that rules governed by the Co-ordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls will be deregulated," the NEC said. The NEC expects a sharp rise in demand for equipment used in telecommunications networks, satellite communications and mobile telephones. Sanyo Electric also recently announced plans to expand its service network in the Soviet Union for home electric appliances, while Japan's trading houses, which handle everything from instant noodles to missiles, are taking a more aggressive approach.

Marubeni Corporation, for example, plans to set up a wholly-owned subsidiary in Budapest from April to provide services for electronic goods produced by Canon Inc and medical equipment made by Hitachi. Nichimen Corporation plans in January to re-open its representative office in Prague, closed since 1983, and Toyo Menka is to set up offices in East Berlin and Prague early next year.

"Much of information on Eastern Europe used to come from the Soviet Union, now more information comes directly from Europe," Jetro said.

Marubeni says trading houses have the biggest opportunities in Eastern Europe. The mood is good, but any sharp rise in trade is still unlikely, it added.

NEW YORK

Shares slip back in early dealings

New York (Reuter) – The Dow Jones industrial average was down five points at 2,719.40 in early trading after opening five points higher. Prices turned mixed as blue chips erased gains and fell.

The broader market stayed higher. Market-watchers said that in the last two trading days of the year cross-currents of tax-loss selling, profit-taking and portfolio adjustment could buffet prices. Rising shares outnumbered falls by nearly five to four. Campbell Soup rose 4¼ to 57¼ on the news that holders of more than 17 per cent of the food group's shares want to sell.

● Sydney – The All-Ordinaries index closed 3.3 down at 1,648.8. The market finished slightly weaker, dragged down by a slide in BHP's price after an earthquake shut down its Newcastle steel plant. BHP fell 16 cents to Aus$9.24.

● Hong Kong – The Hang Seng index shed 33.82 points to close at 2,895.43. The broader-based Hong Kong index lost 22.77 to close at 1,900.18. Prices closed easier, mainly on lack of interest.

● Singapore – The *Straits Times* industrial index inched up 1.07 points to 1,484.47.

WALL STREET

	Dec 27	Dec 26
AMR Cp	58¾	59
ASA	55½	56¾
Aetna Life	56⅝	56⅝
Allied Signal	35¼	35
Alcoa	74¾	73⅝
Amax Inc	22⅝	22⅝
AMR Hess	50	50⅝
Am Brands	69⅝	68
Am Cynmd	53⅝	52⅝
Am Ele Pwr	32⅝	32⅝
Amexs	33¼	32⅝
Am Family	17¾	17⅝
Am Home	104¼	103⅝
Am Int Grp	102	101⅝
Am Telph	44⅝	44¾
Amoco	54⅝	54⅝
Anheuser B	37⅝	37⅝
Arch Dan	22⅝	22⅝
Armco Steel	10⅝	10⅝
Asarco Inc	30⅝	30
Ashland Oil	39⅝	39⅝
Atl Richfld	110⅝	111¾
Avon Prod	36⅝	36⅝
Bk Boston	19¼	18⅝
Bank NY	40⅝	40⅝
Bankamer	26⅝	27⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	41¼	40⅝
Baxter	24¼	24⅝
Beth Steel	17⅝	16⅝
Boeing	57	58⅝
Boise Casc	44	43¾
Borden	33⅝	33¾
Brist Myr	56	55⅝
BP	65⅝	64½
Broad Inc	11¼	11¼
Brunswick	14	13⅝
Burl Nth	32⅝	31⅝
CBS	183	179⅝
Cms Engy	37½	38
CPC Int	71⅝	70⅝
CSX Cp	36¼	35⅝
Camp Soup	53	53
Can Pacific	22	21⅝
Caterpillar	56⅝	58⅝
Centri SW	39⅝	39⅝
Champion	29⅝	29⅝
Chase Man	34¼	34¾
Chem Bank	29½	29⅝
Chevron	67⅝	67½
Chrysler	19⅝	18⅝
Citicorp	29	28⅝
Clark Eq	36⅝	36⅝
Coca Cola	76⅝	75½
Colgate	61½	61¼
Columb Gas	52	51⅝
Cmb'tn Eng	39⅝	39⅝
Cmwlth Edi	36¾	38
Cons Edis	29⅝	29⅝
Consol Ng	50⅝	50½
Cont Data	17⅝	17⅝
Cornig Inc	42¼	41⅝
Crane	24	24
Curtiss W	58⅝	58⅝
Data Genl	12⅝	12⅝
Deere Co	59⅝	59⅝
Delta Airl	67⅝	67¾
Detroit Edi	25¾	25¾
Digital Eq	83¾	83¾
Disney	109⅝	113¾
Dow Chem	71⅝	70¾
Dresser Ind	45¼	44¾
Dupont	123¾	122½
Duke Pwr	56¼	56
East Kodak	40⅝	40⅝
Eaton Cp	57	57
Emerson El	38⅝	38¾
Entergy	22⅝	22⅝
Exxon	50⅝	50⅝
Farah Inc	5½	5½

	Dec 27	Dec 26
Fedders	13⅝	13⅝
Fst Chicago	36	35⅝
Fst Int Bncp	43¼	42⅝
Fst Penn C	16⅝	16⅝
FT Wachva	39⅝	39
Ford Motor	43¼	43
Fost Whir	20⅝	20
GTE Cp	69⅝	69⅝
Gen Cp	11½	11⅝
Gn Dynam	44⅝	45⅝
Gen Electric	63⅝	63⅝
Gen Inst	38⅝	39
Gen Mills	69⅝	71⅝
Gen Motors	42⅝	42⅝
Gen Pub Ut	46⅝	46⅝
Genesco	7⅝	7⅝
Georgia Pac	47⅝	47⅝
Gillette	48¼	47⅝
Goodrich	42	41⅝
Goodyear	44¼	44¼
Grace Co	31¼	31
Grt Atl Pac	57⅝	57
Greyhnd	31¼	31¼
Gruman	15⅝	15⅝
Heinz	34⅝	34½
Hercules	39⅝	39¾
Hewlett Pk	46	45⅝
Hilton	82⅝	89⅝
Hitachi	107⅝	107⅝
Honda	26	25¾
Honeywell	87	84¾
ITT Cp	58⅝	58⅝
INCO	27⅝	27¾
Ing Rand Wl	48⅝	47⅝
Inland Steel	33⅝	33
IBM	94⅝	94½
Int Paper	56⅝	55⅝
Jhsn & Jhsn	56½	56⅝
K Mart	34¼	34¼
Kerr McGee	51¼	51⅝
Kimbrly Clrk	72⅝	72
Knght Ridr	55⅝	53⅝
Kroger	14¼	14¼
LTV Cp	1¼	1¼
Litton	75⅝	74⅝
Lockheed	39⅝	39¾
Lone Star	17⅝	17⅝
Man H'nver	33¾	33⅝
Manville	9⅝	9
Mapco	39½	39¾
Marriott	33⅝	33
Mt Marrieta	44⅝	42⅝
Masco Cp	24¼	24¼
Mcdonalds	33⅝	33⅝
McDonnell	61⅝	60⅝
Mead Cp	36⅝	35⅝
Merck	78⅝	75⅝
Minsta Mng	79⅝	79¾
Mitsub Bk	22¾	22⅝
Mobil	62⅝	62⅝
Monsanto	116	115⅝
Montedison	15⅝	n.a
Morgan Jp	43⅝	42⅝
Motorola	57⅝	57⅝
NCR	58⅝	58⅝
NL Indstrs	24⅝	24⅝
Nat Med Ent	36⅝	37⅝
Nat Semi	6⅝	6⅝
Norfolk Sth	40⅝	39⅝
NYNEX	89⅝	90⅝
Occid Petl	29⅝	29⅝
Ogden Cp	31⅝	31⅝
Olin Cp	59⅝	59⅝
PPG Ind	40⅝	40⅝
Pac Enterp	49⅝	49⅝
Pac Gas El	21⅝	21¼
Pan Am	2⅝	2⅝
Paramt Cm	50	50⅝
Penney JC	70⅝	70⅝

	Dec 27	Dec 26
Pennzoil	88⅝	88⅝
Pepsico	62⅝	62⅝
Pfizer	68⅝	68⅝
Phelps Dod	59⅝	59⅝
Phil Morris	40⅝	40
Philip Ptrl	24⅝	25⅝
Polaroid	41¼	43¾
Primerica	27⅝	27⅝
Proct Gamb	68	67⅝
Pub SE Gr	28⅝	28⅝
Raytheon	68⅝	66⅝
Rynlds Metl	53	52¾
Rockwell Int	23	22½
Royal Dutch	76¼	75⅝
Scecorp	40⅝	40⅝
S Fe Pac Cp	18⅝	18⅝
Sara Lee	n.a	n.a
Schlumb	48⅝	48⅝
Scott Paper	48	47⅝
Seagram	88⅝	88
Sears Roeb	37⅝	37⅝
Sec Pac	39⅝	39⅝
Shell Trans	47⅝	47⅝
Sony Cp	61¼	60⅝
SW Bell	62½	62⅝
Squibb	n.a	n.a
Sun Comp	41¼	41¼
TDK	40⅝	39⅝
TRW Inc	49¼	48⅝
Teledyne	341¼	340⅝
Tenneco	61¼	60⅝
Texaco	57⅝	58
Texas Inst	38	38
Tex Util	36⅝	36⅝
Textron	24⅝	23⅝
Timken	27	26⅝
Travelers	36⅝	36⅝
UAL Cp	171	169⅝
USG Cp	4½	4½
USX Cp	35⅝	35⅝
Unilever Plc	47⅝	46⅝
Un Carbide	23½	23⅝
Un Pac Cp	75	76⅝
Unisys Cp	14⅝	14⅝
Unit Brand	17½	17
Us West	78¼	78½
Utd Tech	53	52¾
Unocal	29	29⅝
Warn Lamb	114¼	113½
Wells Far	72½	72½
Westg El	73½	72¼
Weyershr	26⅝	26⅝
Whirlpool	32⅝	32⅝
Whitman Cp	28¼	28
Whitaker	7⅝	7⅝
Woolworth	63⅝	63⅝
Xerox Cp	57¼	56⅝
Zenith	12½	12⅝

CANADIAN PRICES

	Dec 27	Dec 26
Agnco Eag	10⅝	n.a
Alcan Alum	25⅝	n.a
Can Pacific	25¼	n.a
Cominco	27⅝	n.a
Con Bathrst	n.a	n.a
Hawk S Can	25¼	n.a
Hud Bay M	30⅝	n.a
Imasco	37⅝	n.a
Imperial Oil	63⅝	n.a
Inco	31⅝	n.a
Royl Trstco	17⅝	n.a
Seagram	103	n.a
Shell Can	42	n.a
Stelco	21⅝	n.a
Thmsn N 'A'	16⅝	n.a
Varity Cp	2.65	n.a
WCE	20⅝	n.a
Weston	42⅝	n.a

STOCK MARKET

Forecast of lower interest rates lifts building sector

By Michael Clark
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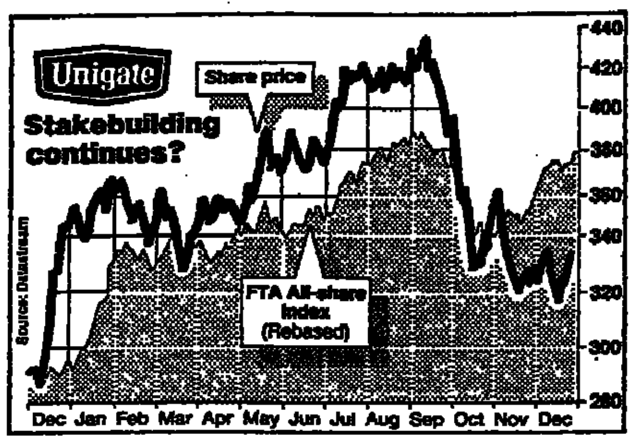
Britain's builders are hoping for a prosperous New Year or at least a big improvement on 1989, judging by the latest flurry of activity in the share prices of most of the big building companies.

This new-found optimism stems from the National Westminster Bank's encouraging outlook for interest rates, published this week. The NatWest expects rates to drop from 15 to 12 per cent by the end of 1990, paving the way for a "significant improvement" in the economy during 1991. But it gave a warning that the outlook remains uncertain in the short-term.

However, this was enough to attract support across the board. Among the suppliers, **Norcros** rose 4p to 244p, **BPB Industries** 7p to 247p, **Bardon** 3p to 173p and **Rugby** 9p to 187p.

The building and construction shares also took heart with **Amec** 18p up at 464p, **Berkeley** 3½p at 183½p, **Costain** 8p at 311p, **Countryside Properties** 5p at 190p, **Alfred McAlpine** 7p at 342p, **S Miller** 13p at 187p, **John Mowlem** 8p at 362p, **Prowting** 3½p at 129p, **Taylor Woodrow** 4p at 311p, **Tilbury** 12p at 613p, **Turriff** 9p at 285p, **Vibroplant** 5p at 154p and **Wiggins** 4p at 79p.



A successful assault on the 2,400 level quickly ran out of steam with dealers reporting a lack of follow-through because of high absenteeism as many investors extended their Christmas break. A dull start to trading on Wall Street also took its toll, helping to reduce a lead of 16 points in the FT-SE 100 index to just 3.0 at 2,398.8. The FT 30 index also lost a rise, finishing 0.7 lower at 1,896.2 as turnover reached 410 million shares.

Those investors in the market this morning will be keeping an eye open for the November trade figures which could result in a hesitant start to trading.

Another drab performance by sterling left government securities nursing losses stretching to £½ at the longer end.

But the continued strength of the mark provided fresh impetus for some of the big exporters, such as ICI, 5p firmer at £11.20. West Germany is now one of the group's biggest markets, providing rapidly- growing revenues. A strong mark means that the group benefits when converting to sterling.

Others to benefit included **Redland**, the tiles and bricks manufacturer, which has also built up a large interest in the West German building industry which has made it less vulnerable to the slump in the British housing market.

RMC also reflected its exposure to West Germany, advancing 7p to 677p, with **Queens Moat**, one of the biggest hotel operators in Germany, adding 1p to 113½p, after 116p. Meanwhile, among the investment trusts, the **German Smaller Companies Fund** jumped 11p to 258p; investors now believe that in the strong economy of West Germany small companies will grow quickly.

Unigate, the dairy and road transport group, sported a 5p rise to 340p – making a two-day rise of 12p – amid revived talk that Mr Larry Goodman, the Irish businessman, was again adding to his 9 per cent holding. Mr Goodman has been overshadowing the Unigate board for most of 1989. Sources in Eire claim that he will be able to muster the finance to launch a bid for Unigate, currently capitalized at £757 million.

The water companies continued to attract buyers with small advances reported in **Anglian**, 2p to 162½p, **Northumbrian**, 3p to 172p, **North West**, 4p to 147p, **Severn Trent**, 1p to 141p, **South West**, 5p to 169p, **Thames**, 3½p to 155½p, **Welsh**, 3½p to 152½p and **Yorkshire**, 3p to 169p, while **Wessex**, on 165p, and **Southern**, on 148p, were unchanged.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	425	CU	957	L&G	1,470	Scot & N	744
Abbey Nat	1,425	Cookson	847	Lloyds	1,879	Sears	1,342
Alld-Lyons	906	Courtaulds	527	Lloyds Abb	216	Sedgwick	283
Amstrad	5,618	Dalgety	168	Lonrho	2,307	Shell	1,675
ASDA	5,032	Dixons	111	Lucas	1,099	Siebe	255
AB Foods	796	ECC	1,028	M&S	2,449	Slough	410
Argyll	1,298	Enterprise	120	Maxwell Cm	583	Smith & N	3,916
BAA	610	Ferranti	6,281	MB Group	392	SK Beecham	476
BET	771	Fisons	1,277	MEPC	1,549	Smith WH	347
BTR	1,822	FKI	606	Midland	1,830	Smiths Ind	353
BAT	3,604	Gen Acc	139	Nat West	3,224	STC	3,533
Barclays	2,859	GEC	4,359	Next	2,315	Stan Chart	874
Bass	383	Glaxo	1,602	Nth Food	355	Storehse	9,544
Beazer	648	Globe Inv	319	P&O	1,448	Sun Allnce	1,327
Berisfd Intl	25	Glynwed	581	Pearl	n/a	T & N	140
BICC	371	Granada	883	Pearson	544	TI Group	462
Blue Arrow	3,070	Grand Met	1,858	Pilkington	1,926	Tarmac	3,041
Blue Circle	2,600	GUS 'A'	140	Polly Peck	1,407	Tate & Lyle	301
BOC	566	GRE	387	Prudential	3,684	Taylor Wood	434
Boots	2,501	GKN	275	Racal	1,715	TSB	2,308
BPB	1,453	Guinness	1,229	Racal Tele	121	Tesco	3,256
Br Aero	1,085	Hamm 'A'	165	Rk Hovis	57	Thorn EMI	291
Br Airways	1,513	Hanson	3,216	Rank	473	Trafalgar	4,046
Br Comm	930	H & C	975	R&C	131	THF	1,710
Br Gas	2,552	Hawker	59	Redland	341	Ultramar	383
Br Land	121	Hillsdown	2,072	Reed	516	Unigate	384
Br Petrol	2,914	IMI	84	Reuters	622	Unilever	1,451
Br Steel	4,155	ICI	2,173	RMC Gp	284	United Bis	372
Br Telecom	2,101	Inchcape	720	RTZ	1,584	Utd News	147
Bunzl	7,221	Jaguar	3	R-Royce	1,191	Wellcome	288
Burmah	1,098	Kingfisher	615	Rothmn 'B'	468	Whitbrd	821
Burton	7,148	Lasmo	378	Royal Bank	1,019	Williams	451
C&W	1,609	Ladbroke	2,484	Royal Ins	382	Wills Fab	322
Cadbury	1,827	Land Sec	124	Saatchi	2,369	Wimpey G	4,175
Coats	3,952	Laporte	164	Sainsbury	807		

Tokyo shares surge to another peak

Tokyo (Reuter) – The Nikkei index climbed 75.31 points, or 0.19 per cent, to a peak 38,876.94.

Year-end bullishness spurred index-linked and scattered buying by investment trusts, some arbitrageurs and institutional investors, hoisting share prices to a record close in mixed, subdued trading.

The index also reached a record for daytime dealings in mid-afternoon. Mr Setsuo Watanuki, a trader at Toyo Securities, said: "Investors want the Nikkei to end higher at the year's end, so it is bound to go up further."

Shares in brokers rose from morning lows, communications shares rallied and some high-priced issues fell.

Frankfurt ends 1989 showing a rise of 34%

Frankfurt (Reuter) – Profit-taking trimmed gains, but the 30-share DAX index ended up 18.93 points, or 1.1 per cent, at 1,790.37. It reached an all-time high during the day of 1,805.01. The DAX has risen by 34 per cent this year.

Prices wrapped up 1989 with new highs for the year and the foreign-led rally is seen lasting into the first few months of 1990.

Japanese buyers, eager to benefit from an economic boom linked to reforms in East Europe, again poured into the market as trading began. German stock markets are closed today. Dealers believe the euphoria about East Germany will continue to support prices in 1990.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyons (*490)	420	74	93	96	1	4	9
	460	36	60	68	3	11	18
	500	13	36	45	20	28	37
ASDA (*115)	110	12	17	22	3	9	10
	120	6	13	16	6	12	14
	130	3	9	12	17	18	20
Bass (*1040)	1000	55	105	132	30	29	52
	1050	32	75	103	50	42	63
	1100	12	50	77	60	70	80
Boots (*275)	260	21	35	41	4	7	13
	280	8	20	29	11	16	21
	300	3½	12	–	28	29	–
Brit Air (*227)	180	48	55	56	1	2	3
	200	27	36	38	1	4	7
	220	11	22	25	7	10	13
Brit Gas (*97)	80	23	26	30	2	4	8
	90	14	22	22	5	9	12
	100	7	16	19	8	15	18
BP (*335)	300	37	44	48	1	5	8
	330	10	22	27	5	12	16
	360	1½	9	–	26	28	–
Brit Steel (*134)	120	15	21	23	1½	2	4
	135	3½	8½	–	5	6	–
	145	1	4½	–	12	12	–
C & W (*506)	460	112	130	145	1	5	8
	500	72	97	115	1½	10	14
	550	28	60	78	12	23	30
Cons Gold (*1480)	1450	20	–	–	5	–	–
	1500	4	–	–	45	–	–
Com Union (*528)	420	112	122	130	2	3	5
	460	75	82	92	3	9	11
	500	37	48	66	6	16	22
Courtauld (*360)	330	58	68	75	1	6	10
	360	29	48	54	5	12	19
	390	11	28	35	13	26	32
GKN (*437)	390	51	60	72	1½	12	15
	420	28	38	57	6	21	25
	460	6½	21	36	30	43	50
Grand Met (*622)	550	78	92	112	2	10	14
	600	34	55	78	9	24	30
	650	10	30	50	35	46	55
ICI (*1120)	1050	92	107	129	7	27	35
	1100	42	70	99	18	47	55
	1150	16	45	73	44	75	82
Jaguar (*847)	800	52	50	50	½	½	½
	850	½	½	½	1	–	1
	900	½	½	½	–	–	–
Kingfisher (*300)	280	28	40	45	4	8	12
	300	12	27	33	10	15	21
	330	2	15	20	34	34	37
Ladbroke (*336)	300	44	57	63	2	6	10
	325	22	–	–	4	–	–
	360	6	20	–	25	28	–
Land Sec (*528)	460	72	90	97	1	3	7
	500	33	57	67	3½	10	15
	550	7	28	37	38	35	42
M & S (*200)	180	23	31	34	2	3	4½
	200	7	16	20	5	9	11
	220	2	7	–	22	22	–
STC (*244)	240	15	23	30	8	15	18
	260	4	13	20	18	25	30
	280	1½	6	14	36	39	45
Sainsbury (*258)	240	30	40	44	2	3	4
	260	12	24	30	5	8	11
	280	3	12	18	15	17	21
Shell (*488)	420	72	82	92	1	5	6
	460	36	43	62	5	12	18
	500	10	23	37	20	32	38
Smith Beech (*602)	541	68	–	–	2	–	–
	600	20	43	60	14	28	25
	650	3	21	35	50	52	54
Storehse (*107)	100	11	17	20	3	6	7
	110	5	12	15	7	10	12
	120	2½	7	11	15	18	18
Trafalgar (*342)	317	35	–	–	2½	–	–
	347	14	–	–	14	–	–
	377	4	–	–	37	–	–
Ultramar (*372)	300	77	82	92	1	3	4
	330	47	57	70	1½	7	10
	360	22	37	48	8	17	20
Unilever (*716)	650	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	[illegible]
	700	30½	55½	77½	7½	21½	27
	750	6½	29½	51½	37½	46½	52½
Utd Bisc (*360)	330	36	46	56	3	6	9
	360	13	23	35	9	17	20
	390	4	12	21	33	35	37

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAA (*360)	330	59	74	78	1½	5	7½
	360	35	48	57	7	10	16
	390	15	33	40	16	23	26
BAT Ind (*832)	750	102	128	156	6½	16	24
	800	63	93	118	19	35	40
	850	30	65	90	38	57	62
BTR (*457)	420	47	59	70	3½	11	14
	460	22	32	47	17	28	30
	500	7	16	28	47	50	53
Brit Aero (*608)	500	120	127	146	2	10	15
	550	78	86	110	8	22	30
	600	38	58	85	25	40	50
Brit Tele (*306)	260	50	61	67	1	2	4
	280	31	44	50	2½	5	7
	300	17	28	35	8	10	13
Cadbury (*344)	330	28	40	52	7	14	16
	360	12	22	35	22	26	32
	390	5	13	–	46	52	–
Guinness (*603)	600	35	108	128	2½	10	13
	650	54	70	90	12	28	28
	700	24	42	62	33	45	50
GEC (*228)	200	30	37	42	1½	3½	5
	220	14	22	27	6½	8½	12
	240	5	12	17	19	20	21
Hanson (*223)	200	28	35	40½	1½	3	4½
	220	11½	22½	27½	6½	8	11
	240	3½	11½	17	19	20	23½

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
LASMO (*585)	500	98	115	130	2	3	13
	550	58	75	93	11	20	27
	600	23	47	65	32	42	47
P & O (*547)	550	[illegible]	[illegible]	11½	2	9½	13
	600	42	60	78	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	650	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pilkington (*232)	200	40	48	–	1½	3	–
	220	24	34	38	4	9	12
	240	11	22	25	14	16	22
Plessey (*288)	240	–	–	–	½	–	–
	280	11	–	–	½	–	–
	300	½	½	–	–	–	–
Prudential (*224)	180	50	62	64	1½	2	3
	200	40	43	47	2	3	5
	220	22	25	32	5	8	10
Racal (*243)	210	35	48	–	2½	5½	–
	230	28	34	–	6½	11	–
	250	9½	–	–	16	–	–
RTZ (*575)	480	92	–	–	2	–	–
	542	63	–	–	6	–	–
	600	17	32	47	36	45	50
Scot & New (*359)	330	37	52	60	9	16	22
	360	16	36	43	23	28	35
	390	10	23	–	42	45	–
Tesco (*178)	160	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	1½	2½
	180	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2½	4½	8½
	200	9	16	21½	9½	12½	13½

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Jan	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abbey Natl (*170)	140	41	42	43	1	2	3
	160	21	23	27	3	5	6
	180	4	8	15	6	11	14

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Mar	Calls May	Puts Jan	Puts Mar	Puts May
Ferranti (*29)	30	4	6½	7	3½	4½	7
	35	2	4	6	6	8½	9½
	40	2	3	4½	11	12	13
Polly Peck (*382)	360	[illegible]	[illegible]	66	3	[illegible]	[illegible]
	390	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12	[illegible]	[illegible]
	420	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls Apr	Calls Jun	Puts Feb	Puts Apr	Puts Jun
[illegible] (*1023)	950	[illegible]	129	–	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
	1000	[illegible]	[illegible]	–	[illegible]	[illegible]	–
	1050	[illegible]	[illegible]	–	[illegible]	[illegible]	–

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Amstrad (*44)	35	13	15	18	2½	4	6
	40	10	12	14	4½	6	8
	45	6	10	11	6	8	10
Barclays (*564)	460	118	121	–	3	5	–
	500	81	90	102	10	11	14
	550	40	57	69	18	22	28
Blue Circle (*249)	200	58	58	–	1	4½	–
	220	38	42	48	2½	9	12
	250	17	–	–	14	–	–
Brit Gas (*230)	180	57	64	–	1	1½	–
	200	38	46	48	3	4	5
	220	21	30	34	8	7½	9
Dixons (*130)	120	21	28	28	4½	6	7
	130	14	19	22	7	10	12
	140	8	13	16	12	14	16
Glaxo (*780)	750	67	87	112	20	30	35
	775	50	72	–	32	40	–
	800	38	57	–	44	62	–
	850	18	–	–	77	–	–
Hawker (*692)	500	123	135	–	10	12	–
	650	77	85	115	17	25	37
	700	43	65	87	35	47	57
	750	28	42	65	65	80	87
Hillsdown (*287)	260	39	47	54	4	8	10
	280	25	32	42	11	15	18
	300	14	22	–	21	25	–
Lonrho (*318)	280	49	56	62	8	11	15
	300	29	43	49	13	17	22
	330	19	25	36	29	33	35
Midland (*369)	300	108	110	–	2	3	–
	330	76	80	–	3	8	–
	360	51	56	67	8	16	20
R-Royce (*181)	160	28	31	37½	3	5½	7
	180	14½	18½	26	9	13	15
	200	5½	10	16½	21	25	28
Sears (*109)	100	14	17	19	2½	4½	6½
	110	7½	11	14	6	9	11
	120	4	7	9	13	14	16½
THF (*302)	280	36	43	51	5½	12	13
	300	22	28	38	12	18	22
	330	8½	16	25	31	37	40
Thorn EMI (*709)	700	97	124	–	8	14	–
	750	59	87	92	22	32	37
	800	27	58	64	47	50	59
TSB (*129)	110	23	24	–	1½	3	–
	120	13	20	20	2½	5	6
	130	6	11	14	7	9	11
Vaal Reefs (*$111)	100	13	19	22	6	9	11
	110	9	14	17	11	14	15
	120	6	10	13	16	19	21
Wellcome (*771)	650	147	172	–	5	13	–
	700	105	136	162	13	23	28
	750	70	104	132	28	42	47

FT-SE INDEX (*2390)

		2250	2300	2350	2400	2450	2500
Calls	Dec	153	103	53	8	½	½
	Jan	185	140	102	68	41	24
	Feb	208	167	128	95	66	45
	Mar	230	190	153	120	94	67
	Jun	–	236	–	175	–	122
Puts	Dec	½	½	1	6	52	102
	Jan	14	21	33	48	75	113
	Feb	24	33	45	63	90	120
	Mar	35	45	58	75	100	130
	Jun	–	62	–	96	–	145

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Offence committed before liability to pay

Regina v Firth

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Rose and Mr Justice Morland

[Judgment December 20]

The offence of dishonestly by deception obtaining exemption or abatement of liability to make a payment, contrary to section 2(1)(c) of the Theft Act 1968, could be committed irrespective of whether the act was one of commission or omission and could be committed before any liability to pay had come into existence.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal against conviction after a 39-day trial at Worthing Crown Court (Miss Recorder Beryl Cooper, QC and a jury) on four counts of evasion of liability by deception in respect of private patients by Peter Stanley Firth, aged 54, a consultant gynaecologist/obstetrician, formerly employed by Mid Downs Area Health Authority as head of the department working at Cuckfield and Haywards Heath hospitals.

He was acquitted on counts 1 to 3 in the indictment. On counts 4 and 5 he was sentenced to nine months imprisonment on each, on count 6 to 15 months with a compensation order of £1,029 and on count 7 also to 15 months with a compensation order of £550. All the sentences were concurrent and he was ordered to pay £10,000 costs of prosecution. On appeal the sentence was reduced to three months on each count concurrent.

Section 2, with a side note reading "Evasion of liability by deception" provides: "(1) Subject to subsection (2) below, where a person by any deception – (a) dishonestly secures the remission of ... any existing liability ... (b) with intent to make permanent default ... on any existing liability to make a payment ... or (c) dishonestly obtains any exemption from or abatement of liability to make a payment; he shall be guilty of an offence. "(2) For purposes of this section 'liability' means legally enforceable liability; and subsection (1) shall not apply in relation to a liability that has not been accepted or established to pay compensation for a wrongful act or omission...

"(4) For purposes of subsection (1)(c) 'obtains' includes obtaining for another or enabling another to obtain."

Mr John Rogers, QC and Mr Malcolm Fortune for the appellant; Mr Camden Pratt for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the counts on which the appellant was acquitted involved allegations that he claimed payment from the National Health Service in respect of family planning work and domiciliary visits to patients who were in fact and truth his private patients and had already paid him.

His defence to those allegations was that he was inefficient and paper work was chaotic and pressure of work resulted in his claims being substantially behind and, as a result he had made mistakes over names and dates but had not been dishonest.

Obviously the jury thought at least that that explanation might be true and, accordingly, the prosecution had not made out their case.

The other counts alleged that he contravened, in other words abused, the rules of the NHS either for his own benefit or for the benefit of his private patients.

The counts in the indictment were said to be representative counts and a number of similar instances were laid before the jury to illustrate what the system was that he was said to be operating.

Three periods in a pregnancy were to be distinguished in order to understand the case.

1 Antenatal: the patient could go to a hospital or clinic and receive treatment free under the NHS or go as a private patient to a consultant and pay him for his services.

2 Confinement: either free on the NHS and no doctor or consultant could charge for his services in the hospital, or choose to go to hospital as a private patient, in which case she undertook to and was obliged to pay for the bed she occupied.

3 Postnatal: once again, either free under the NHS or as a paying private patient to the consultant.

Only the middle period involved hospital treatment.

Counts 4 and 5 related to antenatal patients. Antenatal treatment involved smears or tests which required the expertise of the pathological laboratory, maintained by the NHS at Cuckfield. The case concerned principally cytology tests. Someone had to pay for the service.

If the patient was a NHS patient, payment would be made by the authority. If the test came in respect of a private patient through the consultant, the patient had to pay – but there was a small exception.

It was permissible for the consultant to agree with the authority that he should pay for tests submitted to the laboratory and then should recoup it, if he thought fit, from the patient at a later stage.

Gynaecological consultants in the area had adopted the system. The idea was that the consultant referring the private patient would be billed.

As regards counts 6 and 7, someone had to pay for the accommodation of the woman in the hospital bed and so on. Once again, if the patient was a NHS patient, the authority paid; if private she had to pay the scale of charges direct and not through the consultant.

The allegation in counts 4 and 5 was the same. The particulars were that, on or about a certain day the appellant by deception, namely, by falsely representing that a named patient was being treated by him as a patient of the NHS and that no charge should be raised for the service of providing the pathological examination of a specimen by the Department of Pathology at Cuckfield Hospital, dishonestly obtained from the Mid Downs Health Authority an exemption from liability to make a payment in respect of the examination.

In count 6 the wording of the particulars was slightly different: the appellant by deception, namely, by falsely representing that a named patient was being treated as a NHS patient and not as a private patient dishonestly obtained from Mid Downs Health Authority an exemption from liability to make a payment of £1,028.50 for 11 days in-patient treatment. In count 7 the sum involved was £550.

The only issue in counts 6 and 7, as Mr Camden Pratt explained, was that the lady was admitted as a NHS patient. The appellant admitted as much at trial.

He said it was what he called his "package deal", which involved antenatal private treatment for which he would charge, NHS delivery – no charge by the hospital, and postnatal private treatment for which he would make a charge. That was his explanation of what happened.

What the jury had to decide was whether that was the true position or whether it was an elaborate scheme to enable him to have his private patients in hospital for delivery without paying for the privilege of the bed when they ought to have paid for the privilege.

In each case the jury had to decide whether the appellant was acting dishonestly or not.

So far as concerned counts 4 and 5, involving tests of specimens, what the jury had to decide was whether the appellant knew that it was his task to make it clear to the hospital, that is, the hospital carrying out the laboratory test, that the patient was a private patient and accordingly the appellant should be billed for the services.

If he knew that and failed to pass that information on and it was done dishonestly with the intention of relieving himself of the obligation of paying for the tests, the case would be made out.

The first ground of appeal was that the recorder erred in not acceding to the submission made by the defence at the close of the Crown's case that counts 4, 5, 6 and 7 were wrongly laid in law in that the allegations to be proved required proof of acts of commission, whereas the evidence disclosed only acts of omission.

The submission was that a charge under section 2(1)(c) could not be brought home against the appellant unless the prosecution proved that the dishonest obtaining was achieved by acts of commission not omission – that is, that the obtaining had to be by commission not omission.

Section 2(1)(c) would cover, for instance, if it were the case, the appellant obtaining an exemption on behalf of the patient whom he was treating.

The prosecution allegation on those counts was that the appellant, by failing dishonestly to inform the hospital of the private patient status of the women, had caused either them or himself not to be billed for services which should have been charged against him.

If, as was alleged, it was incumbent on him to give the information to the hospital and he deliberately and dishonestly refrained from doing so with the result that no charge was levied on either the patient or himself, in their Lordships' judgment the wording of the section and subsections was satisfied.

It mattered not whether it was an act of commission or an act of omission; provided those matters were substantiated the prosecution had made out their case. That meant that the recorder was right to reject any submission to the contrary

The second limb of Mr Rogers' argument on the first ground of appeal was that the words "legally enforceable" in the section meant that, in order to proceed under that subsection, the prosecution had to establish an existing liability at the time when the alleged deception was made.

The submission continued that, if, accordingly, the appellant was asking for a service to be performed and, at the time there was no liability, the liability arose only when the service had been performed.

Consequently, went the submission, one had to find the liability and then go on to prove that the deception was practised when the liability had arisen.

Consequently, Mr Rogers said, in the present case, if a deception was practised before the liability to pay had come into existence, no offence was committed.

It seemed to their Lordships that that overlooked the wording of not only section 2(1)(c) but also of the two previous paragraphs because in both paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) the words "existing liability" were to be found.

It was immediately to be remarked that in section 2(1)(c) the word "existing" was omitted. It seemed to their Lordships that that was indicative of what the draftsman of the Act really meant.

The argument put forward by Mr Rogers might very well have something to recommend it if section 2(1)(c) had contained the word "existing" – but that word in that paragraph was conspicuous by its absence.

The words were apt, as their Lordships thought, to cover a future liability even if the deception alleged was not in truth a continuing deception. The omission of the word "existing" was, it seemed clear purposeful and not a matter of chance.

Accordingly, the second limb of the first ground of appeal failed and that ground did not succeed.

A suggestion that the recorder had not directed the jury accurately on the law was not made out and other grounds of appeal as filed were untenable.

In an endeavour to ensure that the conviction was not unsafe and not unsatisfactory their Lordships on December 18 had invited Mr Rogers to say whether there was anything else he would like to advance by way of appeal.

The hearing having been adjourned and the court not having sat on December 19, Mr Rogers had set out the following additional ground of appeal:

"The recorder mis-stated the issues for the jury to resolve and failed to state the overall issue, namely, that all the counts alleged fraud on the Mid Downs Health Authority."

However, in their Lordships' judgment, the recorder had given an accurate synopsis of the points which the jury had to consider, the task which lay before them, the questions they had to answer and the facts of which they had to be sure before they could convict the appellant.

The additional ground of appeal failed. Criticisms of the recorder's conduct were unjustified. The appeal against conviction was dismissed.

Solicitors: Le Brasseur & Monier Williams; CPS, Lewes.

Prosecution can make no comment at all

Regina v Everitt
Regina v Riley

Before Lord Justice McCowan, Mr Justice Roch and Mr Justice Alliott

[Judgment December 18]

The words of section 1(*b*) of the Criminal Evidence Act 1898, that a defendant's failure to give evidence "shall not be made the subject of any comment by the prosecution" meant that there should be no comment whatsoever by the prosecution, whether favourable or unfavourable.

The Court of Appeal so stated when allowing an appeal by Brian John Everitt and dismissing an appeal by Bernard Riley against their convictions by a majority of 11 to one on February 24, 1989 in Sheffield Crown Court (Mr Assistant Recorder Fugard and a jury) of attempting to obtain property by deception, for which they were both sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment.

Mr T. D. Kent-Jones, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Everitt; Mr Tom Bayliss, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Riley; Mr Philip Bingham for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that their Lordships would be loath to follow *R v Brown and Routh* ([1983] Crim LR 38) which appeared to hold that there was no breach of section 1(*b*) unless the comment made by the prosecution was unfavourable, since they were clearly of the opinion that the words "any comment" meant what they said, and there should be no comment at all.

They did not think that they were obliged to follow *R v Brown and Routh* because it was apparent from *R v Naudeer* ((1985) 80 Cr App R 9), a decision in another division of the court, that there were contrary decisions and that what should be considered was whether a breach of section 1(*b*) was put right by the summing up.

Their Lordships accepted that approach. It was apparent that in this case it was put right and there was nothing in that submission made on behalf of Mr Riley. On other grounds, Mr Everitt's conviction could not stand and must be quashed.

Solicitors: CPS, South Yorkshire.

Mortgagee owes no extra duty to third party

Parker-Tweedale v Dunbar Bank plc and Others

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Nourse and Sir Michael Kerr

[Judgment December 14]

A mortgagee, in exercising its power of sale over mortgaged property, did not owe a person with a beneficial interest in the mortgaged property, of which it had notice, an independent duty over and above that owed to the mortgagor to take reasonable care to obtain a proper price.

The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Mr Barry James Parker-Tweedale, from a decision of Mr Justice Peter Gibson dated January 26, 1989.

The judge had dismissed the plaintiff's claim for an order setting aside a contract for the sale of Ditchford Hill Farm near Moreton-in-the-Marsh in Gloucestershire, of which the plaintiff's wife, the third defendant, Mrs Annabel Parker-Tweedale, was the sole legal owner and mortgagor.

The property had been mortgaged to the first defendant mortgagee, Dunbar Bank plc, who sold it with the consent of the mortgagor to the second defendant, Penbrook Land Ltd.

The plaintiff had a beneficial interest in the property because of three separation agreements between him and the wife which entitled him to the net surplus proceeds from the sale of the property.

The plaintiff in person; Mr Timothy Lloyd, QC and Mr Stephen Acton for the first defendant; Mr Henry Summerfield for the second defendant; Mr Maurice Kaye, QC and Mr J. Stephen Whitaker for the third defendant.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the first defendant had at all times conceded that it had believed that the plaintiff had a beneficial interest in the property; in other words, that it had notice that he had a beneficial interest in the property.

It was settled by a decision of the Court of Appeal in *Cuckmere Brick Co Ltd v Mutual Finance Ltd* ([1971] Ch 949) that a mortgagee, although he might exercise his power of sale at any time of his own choice, owed the mortgagor a duty to take reasonable care to obtain a proper price for the mortgaged property at that time.

But there was no support, either in the authorities or in principle, for the proposition that where the mortgagor was a trustee, even a bare trustee, of the mortgaged property, a like duty was owed to a beneficiary under the trust of whose interest the mortgagee had notice.

The plaintiff relied on a passage in the judgment of Lord Justice Salmon in *Cuckmere* (at p966C-D), to argue that the reference to "neighbours" there meant that the duty was to all who were within the neighbourhood principle, that is, to all persons who were so closely and directly affected by the sale that the mortgagee ought reasonably to have had them in contemplation as being so affected when he was directing his mind to the sale.

Further support for the neighbourhood principle in that context could be gained from the judgment of the Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in *Standard Chartered Bank Ltd v Walker* ([1982] 1 WLR 1410, 1415) where it was held that the duty to take reasonable care to obtain a reasonable price was owed to a surety for the mortgage debt as well as the mortgagor himself.

In his Lordship's opinion it was both unnecessary and confusing for the duties owed by a mortgagee to the mortgagor and surety, if there was one, to be expressed in terms of the tort of negligence.

The authorities which were considered in *Cuckmere* demonstrated that the duty owed by the mortgagee to the mortgagor was recognized by equity as arising out of the particular relationship between them. The duty owed to the surety arose in the same way.

Once it was recognized that the duty owed by the mortgagee to the mortgagor arose out of the particular relationship between them, it was readily apparent that there was no warrant for extending its scope so as to include a beneficiary under a trust of which the mortgagor was the trustee.

The correctness of that view was fully established in the argument of Mr Lloyd who drew particular attention to the rights and duties of the trustee to protect the trust property against dissipation or depreciation in value and the impracticalities and potential rights of double recovery inherent in giving the beneficiary an additional right to sue the mortgagee, a right which was in any event unnecessary.

The only exception for which Mr Lloyd allowed was the special case where the trustee had unreasonably refused to sue on behalf of the trust or had committed some other breach of his duty to the beneficiary. In such a case the beneficiary was permitted to sue on behalf of the trust.

But it was important to emphasize that when a beneficiary sued under the exception he did so in right of the trust and in the room of the trustee. He did not enforce a right reciprocal to some duty owed directly to him by the third party.

Lord Justice Purchas and Sir Michael Kerr delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Clintons; Philip Ross & Co; Baldocks, Guildford.

Misconduct warning

In re M (a Minor)

If counsel and solicitors failed to exercise the greatest possible diligence in complying with the time limits in the preparation of appeals in children's cases, the court would regard the matter as one of professional misconduct.

Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Lord Justice Nicholls and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, so stated on December 6, in extending time for the period within which a note of judgment was to be lodged, counsel having failed to agree the note within time.

HIS LORDSHIP wished it to be known, especially to those of the Bar who were peripatetic, that such delays in such cases would not be tolerated.

The court was faced with great difficulty in dismissing such cases. It was virtually impossible to dismiss an appeal in child cases without investigating the merits and the court's only alternative was therefore to regard the matter as professional misconduct.

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US Emerg Cos	53.77	57.51	-0.52	0.00
Income/Gth	312.3	334.1	+3.8	3.07
Masterst Acc	94.47	101.1	+0.66	1.68
Amer Inc	54.88	58.38	+0.12	4.69
Ethical	47.94	51.28	+0.39	1.95
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580				
30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DQ Tel: 01-374 6891				
Am Inc/Gth	33.18	35.42	+0.21	3.01
Euro	82.69	88.49	+1.97	0.00
Euro Inc	78.79	84.07	+1.11	1.99
Exmpt	793.0	824.7	+6.3	1.58
Extra Inc	44.88	47.89	+0.45	4.14
F/E Emerg Ec	66.70	71.44	+0.83	0.05
Invest	136.9	146.2	+0.8	1.82
Do Acc	214.8	229.3	+0.9	1.83
Gt/Fxd Interest	20.28	21.65	-0.02	11.40
Inc Growth	74.1	79.1	-0.9	3.49
Intl Inc	68.18	72.78	+0.71	4.29
Jap & Genrl	222.3	237.3	-0.2	0.00
Pacific	46.87	50.19	..	0.07
Secure Inc	199.8	213.3	+1.8	5.46
Smlr Cos	54.41	58.09	+0.30	2.15
Spec Sits	70.87	75.65	+0.48	0.90
UK Growth	38.42	41.02	+0.34	1.95
World Gth	57.79	61.89	-0.60	0.00
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing 0793 610366				
High Inc	361.6	385.0	+1.6	4.07
Equity Inc	200.9	213.9	+0.8	4.43
High Yield	211.8	225.5	+0.8	4.57
Balanced	502.6	535.2	+1.3	3.18
Am Inc	37.15	39.56	+0.33	3.92
World Ass Val	37.67	40.11	+0.25	0.95
Japan	183.7	195.5	+0.2	0.01
Sec of Am	260.4	277.3	+3.3	0.31
Asset Value	391.8	417.2	+1.2	2.78
O'seas Earn	261.9	278.9	+0.3	2.90
Recov	113.8	121.1	+0.1	2.55
UK Spec Sits	302.7	322.3	+0.1	2.30
Smlr Cos	170.8	181.9	+1.2	2.30
Capit	299.5	318.9	+0.8	2.26
Am Spec Sit	85.05	90.56	+1.03	1.51
Intl	116.0	123.5	+0.8	0.72
Growth/Inc	178.9	190.5	+0.9	3.55
Euro Gth	26.98	28.73	+0.34	1.01
Pacific	305.4	325.2	+1.5	0.07
2nd Smlr Co	168.7	179.6	+0.9	1.79
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Capit	94.77	101.1	+1.09	3.36
Euro Gth Inc	103.3	110.2	+2.3	1.11
Extra Inc	105.2	112.2	+1.0	5.47
General	200.3	213.6	+1.8	3.47
Gt/Fxd Income	48.57	51.45	-0.12	10.53
Inc Trust	466.1	497.2	+5.0	4.59
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9002				
Am Sm Cos	57.61	61.12	+0.50	1.10
Australia	71.90	77.38	+0.21	1.50
Convertible	48.38	52.37	+0.20	7.20
East	133.5	142.1	+0.8	1.20
Equity Inc	78.58	83.22	+0.60	6.50
Euro Gth	194.7	208.5	+2.3	1.40
Euro Smlr Cos	194.1	205.9	+3.0	0.30
Exmpt	89.46	70.87	..	3.50
Growth/Inc	93.04	98.41	..	2.70
Do Acc	151.2	156.8	+1.1	2.70
Global Gth	79.03	83.85	+0.45	0.10
Jap Spec	200.3	213.0	+0.7	0.00
Jap Sunrise	186.1	197.9	+0.8	0.00
1st N Am	58.78	62.36	+0.71	1.70
UK Growth	67.15	71.24	+0.26	2.90
UK Smlr Cos	89.63	95.09	+0.19	2.20
Select Man Fd	57.63	61.14	+0.64	1.00
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	153.4	164.1	+1.5	3.94
Smlr Cos Acc	294.4	316.5	+4.0	0.90
Do Inc	182.9	196.6	+2.5	1.28
High Inc	88.42	92.47	+0.99	5.80
Income	108.2	115.8	-0.2	5.34
Man Portf Inc	92.35	98.81	+0.65	2.84
Do Acc	161.2	172.5	+1.8	2.20
Nth Amer	65.08	69.64	+1.24	0.38
Orient	137.9	147.6	-0.2	0.38
Exmpt	304.0	318.9	+1.0	2.78
Recov	59.53	63.70	+0.75	3.80
German	37.9	40.6	+0.8	0.60
Intl Recov	31.96	34.20	+0.14	2.89
Europe	23.45	25.29	+0.32	2.40
Conv Genrl	23.20	24.82	+0.11	7.60
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT First Floor 80 Cannon St London EC4N 6HH Tel: 01-588 2868 01-929 5316 Fax 01 283 0407				
Emer Gth Inc	82.68	86.40	+0.95	2.68
Do Acc	84.02	87.92	+0.64	2.66
Fellowship Inc	65.61	69.19	+0.66	2.45
Genrl Inc 4	302.5	320.9	+3.1	3.11
Do Acc 4	518.3	548.9	+5.2	3.11
Inc Fund 3	169.0	176.2	+1.2	4.84
Do Acc 3	329.1	349.2	+2.4	4.84
Intl Inc 2	118.8	125.6	+1.1	1.00
Do Acc 2	163.4	172.8	+1.7	1.00
Smlr Inc 5	105.1	111.5	+0.4	2.25
Do Acc	115.6	123.7	+0.5	2.25
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7216				
Sm Gt Fxd Int	55.34	58.13	..	2.81
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	39.49	42.01	+0.51	2.44
Income	50.59	53.82	+0.63	3.86
Far East	43.53	46.31	+0.08	0.05
Nth Amer	39.05	41.77	+0.11	1.72
Global	59.61	63.42	+0.59	1.55
European	68.62	73.00	+0.90	0.74
Japan	124.7	133.4	-0.3	0.01
Strategic Opp	52.38	56.02	+0.46	1.30
Do Acc	55.33	58.85	..	5.20
Intl Currency	45.06	47.27	+0.07	6.28

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CAPABILITY TRUST MANAGERS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Tel: Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261010				
Am & Gen	83.35	88.67	+0.80	1.40
Do Acc	87.44	93.02	+0.85	1.40
European	68.39	72.07	+0.48	0.88
Do Acc	69.86	74.32	+0.94	0.88
F East/Gen	74.26	79.02	+0.26	0.00
Do Acc	74.26	79.02	+0.26	0.00
Gen/High	257.6	274.0	+1.7	1.91
Do Acc	271.0	288.5	+1.9	1.91
Growth	270.6	287.9	+1.6	3.14
Do Acc	420.8	447.7	+2.4	3.14
Inc &Gth Inc	333.0	320.4	-4.0	4.15
Do Acc	381.7	404.1	-1.2	4.15
Master Portfl	288.1	91.3	+0.6	2.19
Do Acc	293.88	97.26	+0.60	2.19
Spec Sits	64.02	68.11	+0.41	2.88
Do Acc	67.79	72.12	+0.44	2.88
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 392 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 01-626 0566 01-929 6363				
Amer Index	141.3	149.5	..	1.59
Capit	473.3	511.5	..	3.95
Euro Index	131.2	138.8	..	1.57
Euro S S	77.25	82.44	..	2.31
Far East S S	76.55	81.69	..	0.65
Gold Gen S S	72.82	77.71	..	3.99
Income	429.4	458.2	..	5.20
Intl Sp Sits	67.71	72.26	..	1.48
Jap Index	101.0	106.8	..	0.00
N Amer	307.2	327.8	..	1.74
Tiger Index	101.9	107.6	..	1.57
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 01-588 0706				
Euro Port	68.80	73.50	+1.50	1.50
Port	61.01	65.28	+0.85	2.62
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Inv	536.05	..	..	4.91
Fixed Int	134.25	..	..	10.59
Deposit	100.0	..	..	14.85
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Income	515.69	..	..	4.98
Acc	217.3353	..	..	..
Deposit	100.0	..	..	15.20
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS Leconfield House Curzon Street London W1Y 8AL Tel: 01-726 7733				
SC Spec Sits	55.96	59.22	..	6.33
CIGNA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 5, Trump Street, EC2V 8AR Tel: 01-796 3871				
Euro Gth	86.33	92.33	+1.36	1.34
1992 Euro Spc	66.35	70.96	+1.05	0.94
Intl Inc	62.06	66.37	+0.11	3.57
NAm Gth	53.74	57.48	+0.33	1.65
Pacific Gth	81.69	87.37	+0.26	3.27
UK Gth Acc	82.58	88.32	+0.76	3.42
Do Dist	76.65	81.98	+0.72	3.42
UK Income	65.37	69.91	+0.27	6.47
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393				
Am Growth	26.89	28.65	..	0.00
Atlas Gth	28.91	30.76	..	0.48
Dragon Gth	37.09	39.46	..	1.14
Equity Hi Inc	64.83	67.89	..	4.88
Do Acc	69.81	73.10	..	4.88
Euro Growth	40.19	42.76	..	0.82
Genrl Equity	58.53	61.77	..	2.57
Intl Inc	25.60	27.23	..	4.67
Jap Growth	59.08	62.85	..	0.00
Pedigree Gth	32.43	34.50	..	2.51
Retire Inc	23.74	25.25	..	6.58
Do Acc	24.82	26.40	..	6.58
Spec Sits	33.61	35.53	..	2.50
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
Am Gth	70.03	74.50	..	2.14
Euro Gth	83.22	88.53	..	0.00
Far East	96.00	102.1	..	0.00
Gemms Inc	36.64	38.98	..	2.19
Do Acc	37.24	39.62	..	2.19
Gilt/Fxd Int	45.39	48.22	..	7.33
Inc	66.01	70.22	..	3.63
Do Acc	73.53	78.22	..	3.63
Jap Gwth	49.77	52.95	..	0.50
Monthly Inc	46.30	49.26	..	10.00
Privass Inv Pt	52.15	55.48	..	5.20
Profess Inv Pt	60.66	64.53	..	2.12
Prog Inv Pt	56.83	60.46	..	2.52
UK/Gen Inc	66.84	71.11	..	2.66
Do Acc	72.49	77.12	..	2.66
W'wide Bond	50.75	53.99	..	5.78
W'wide Sp Sits	55.87	59.54	..	0.34
Do accum	56.94	60.90	..	0.34
Quilter Gen Inc	104.1	110.8	..	2.39
Quilter Inc	98.77	105.0	..	4.92
Quilter Intl Acc	117.8	125.3	..	0.91
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033				
Amer	139.3	148.8	+1.6	0.40
Canadian Gth	28.22	30.34	+0.04	0.47
Euro	149.6	160.4	+3.2	0.10
Gth Trust	352.2	376.7	+5.6	2.69
High Inc	393.6	418.9	+5.4	4.39
Intl Tech	132.9	141.9	+0.8	0.64
Investment	38.21	40.67	+0.22	0.27
Japanese	340.7	354.3	+12.8	0.00
Man Int	36.39	39.13	+0.95	1.79
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090526				
Amer	75.94	80.69	+0.50	1.24
Capit	138.1	146.7	+0.8	1.36
Convertible	23.89	25.36	+0.15	7.58
Eurofund	36.94	39.18	+0.67	0.77
Growth/Inc	217.5	231.1	+1.4	4.11
High Dist	168.5	179.0	+0.9	5.59
Intl	283.0	300.7	+2.7	1.00
Pacific	40.08	42.59	+0.18	0.70
Resrces	25.88	28.55	+0.25	0.00
Smlr Jap Cos	70.24	74.48	+1.81	0.00
Tokyo	251.8	267.0	+1.1	0.00
Ex Am 2	142.7	145.6	..	1.53
Ex Jap 3	158.2	162.6	+0.2	0.13
Ex Pacific 4	565.4	582.0	-3.1	0.18
Ex Smlr Jap 4	545.5	560.5	+22.4	0.07
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311				
UK Balan Inc	98.14	104.4	+0.97	2.40
Do Acc	105.4	113.2	+1.1	2.40
UK Gth Accum	152.0	161.7	+1.5	2.27
UK High Inc	111.2	118.3	+1.1	5.69
N Amer Acc	78.7	81.6	-0.1	0.96
Far East Acc	155.9	165.8	..	0.46
Euro Acc	124.8	132.5	+2.9	0.78
UK Gilt/FI Inc	52.82	55.45	-0.13	9.38
Do Acc	68.48	71.90	-0.17	9.38
Intl Sp S Acc	48.26	51.45	+0.49	1.29

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday (2) Tuesday (3) Wednesday (4) Thursday (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THIRD MARKET

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 85.8 (day's range 85.7-86.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for December 28

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6130-1.6295	1.6130-1.6145	0.69-0.66pr	2.55-2.52pr
Montrl	1.8643-1.8811	1.8643-1.8693	0.54-0.44pr	0.90-0.78pr
Amstrdm	3.0616-3.0903	3.0671-3.0724	1¾-1⅝pr	4⅝-4⅜pr
Brussels	56.89-57.78	57.10-57.48	27-21pr	72-68pr
Copnhgn	10.5500-10.6537	10.6135-10.6396	2⅜-2⅞pr	7⅛-6⅞pr
Dublin	1.0335-1.0437	1.0350-1.0360	40-35pr	100-84pr
Frankft	2.7164-2.7354	2.7179-2.7229	1⅝-1⅝pr	4⅝-4⅜pr
Lisbon	238.39-242.00	239.85-240.89	191-279ds	329-568ds
Madrid	175.12-176.98	176.30-176.85	12-17ds	38-47ds
Milan	2034.62-2053.17	2038.83-2043.96	4-1pr	11-6pr
Oslo	10.5700-10.6553	10.5974-10.6234	2⅜-2⅞pr	6⅜-5⅞pr
Paris	9.2789-9.3582	9.3118-9.3367	3½-2⅞pr	8⅜-7⅞pr
Stckhlm	9.9764-10.0459	10.0006-10.0260	3-2½pr	6⅜-5⅞pr
Tokyo	229.83-231.39	230.74-231.20	1⅝-1⅝pr	4⅜-4⅜pr
Vienna	19.03-19.27	19.12-19.17	8⅞-7⅝pr	29⅜-24⅞pr
Zurich	2.4760-2.4842	2.4760-2.4815	1⅛-1⅛pr	3⅝-3⅜pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1599.46-1617.05
Australia dollar	2.0245-2.0290
Bahrain dinar	0.6100-0.6160
Brazil cruzado*	15.3371-15.4268
Cyprus pound	0.7670-0.7770
Finland marka	6.5090-6.5780
Greece drachma	252.15-255.35
Hong Kong dollar	12.559-12.573
India rupee	27.35-27.65
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4730-0.4790
Malaysia ringgit	4.3427-4.3500
Mexico peso	4340-4440
New Zealand dollar	2.6931-2.7002
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0590-6.1410
Singapore dollar	3.0357-3.0435
S Africa rand (fin)	5.6034-5.7060
S Africa rand (com)	4.0626-4.1026
U A E dirham	5.9350-6.0150

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5560-1.5580	Denmark	6.5835-6.5885	Italy	1265.0-1267.0
Singapore	1.8880-1.8910	W Germany	1.6870-1.6880	Belgium (Com)	35.40-35.50
Malaysia	2.6965-2.6985	Switzerland	1.5430-1.5440	Hong Kong	7.8080-7.8090
Australia	1.2570-1.2586	Netherlands	1.9045-1.9065	Portugal	148.40-148.90
Canada	1.1570-1.1580	France	5.7600-5.7700	Spain	109.00-109.15
Sweden	6.2135-6.2185	Japan	143.35-143.45	Austria	11.87-11.88
Norway	6.5775-6.5825				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 15 Finance Hse 15½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 15¾ Low 14¾ Week fixed: 15¾
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 14²¹⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 14½
Selling: 2 mth – 14¹⁹⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 14⁷⁄₁₆
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14²⁹⁄₃₂-14¾ 2 mth: 14¹¹⁄₁₆-14¾ 3 mth: 14¹⁷⁄₃₂-⁷⁄₁₆ 6 mth 13²⁹⁄₃₂-13¾
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 15¹³⁄₃₂ 2 mth: 15⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 15⁵⁄₃₂ 6 mth 14¹¹⁄₃₂
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 15¾ close 14
1 week: 15¹⁄₁₆-15 1 mth: 15¾-15¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 15¾-15¹⁄₁₆
6 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆-15 9 mth: 14¹³⁄₁₆-14¾ 12 mth: 14¾-14⁹⁄₁₆
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 14¾ 7 day: 14¾ 1 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 14¾ 12 mth: 14½
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 15²⁵⁄₃₂-15⁷⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 15²³⁄₃₂-¹⁷⁄₃₂ 6 mth: 14⅞-¹³⁄₁₆ 12 mth 14⁷⁄₁₆-⁵⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.45-8.40 3 mth: 8.32-8.27 6 mth: 8.18-8.13 12 mth 8.10-8.05
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 15¾-15¹⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 15⁵⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 15⁵⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆-14¾ 9 mth: 14¹¹⁄₁₆-⁹⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 14½-14¾

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 29, 1989 Agreed rates Jan 24, 1990 to Feb 25, 1990 Scheme I: 15.90 per cent. Schemes II & III: 16.38 per cent. Reference rate Dec 1, 1989 to Dec 29, 1989 Scheme IV & V: 15.184 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8⅜-8¼	8⁷⁄₁₆-8⁵⁄₁₆	8⅜-8¼	8¼-8⅛
Call: 8½-7¾				
Deutschemark:	8⅛-8	8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆	8⅜-8¼	8⅜-8¼
Call: 7½-6¾				
French Franc:	11¼-10¾	11³⁄₁₆-1⁄₁₆	11³⁄₁₆-1⁄₁₆	11³⁄₁₆-1⁄₁₆
Call: 10-9				
Swiss Franc:	9-8¾	9⅜-9	8¹⁵⁄₁₆-1³⁄₁₆	8¹¹⁄₁₆-9⁄₁₆
Call: 7½-6½				
Yen:	6⅝-6½	6¹¹⁄₁₆-9⁄₁₆	6⅝-6½	6¹³⁄₁₆-1¹⁄₁₆
Call: 6-5				

GOLD BULLION (Per ounce)

Open: $402.25-402.75 Close: $400.75-401.25
High: $402.50-403.00 Low: $398.00-398.50

GOLD COINS (Per coin, Ex VAT)

Britannia: $410.00-415.00 (£254.00-257.00)
Krugerrand: $400.00-403.00 (£248.00-250.00)
Mapleleaf (1/10oz): $410.00-415.00 (£254.00-257.00)
American Eagles: $410.00-415.00 (£254.00-257.00)
New Sovereigns: $94.00-96.00 (£58.00-59.00)
Old Sovereigns: $94.00-96.00 (£58.00-59.00)

PRECIOUS METALS

Platinum pm fix: $499.50 (£308.70)
Palladium pm fix: $134.75 (£83.30)
Spot Silver: $5.18-5.20 (£3.210-3.225)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 31167		
Dec 89	2412.0	2415.0	2398.0	2402.0	3280
Mar 90	2452.0	2460.0	2448.0	2453.0	2830
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 111692		
Mar 90	85.49	85.49	85.45	85.48	8120
Jun 90	86.38	86.38	86.32	86.36	1369
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 29490		
Mar 90	92.01	92.02	91.98	92.01	1949
Jun 90	92.19	92.20	92.17	92.21	424
Three Month Euro DM			Previous open interest 21193		
Mar 90	91.65	91.75	91.65	91.67	2503
Jun 90	91.84	91.85	91.80	91.80	499

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three month ECU			Previous open interest 932		
Mar 90	89.07	89.09	89.06	89.08	122
Jun 90	89.41	89.41	89.41	89.41	10
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 2425		
Jun 90	NT	—	—	98-18	0
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 32281		
Mar 90	92-16	92-18	92-12	92-15	3078
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 832		
Mar 90	103.08	103.15	102.92	102.97	123
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 28981		
Mar 90	90.98	91.12	90.73	90.77	8413
Jun 90	91.22	91.22	91.22	90.99	4

COMMODITIES

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Crude oil came off, marginally, in line with the futures screens. Middle distillates and heavy fuel fell in line with the screen whilst the light ends held their own.

CRUDE OILS (assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	20.90	-05
15 day Jan	20.80	
15 day Feb	20.05	-05
WTI Jan	21.60	-15
WTI Feb	21.20	-15

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT. Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	+5	205-210	+5
Gasoil EEC	-5	227-229	-6
Non 1H Jan	-5	226-228	-6
Non 1H Feb	-3	208-212	-3
3.5 Fuel Oil	-4	106-108	-4
Naphtha		-	

BIFFEX GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

Jan 90 Hi 1643-1637 Low Close 1643
Feb 90 Hi 1660-1660 Low Close 1697
Apr 90 Hi 1670-1662 Low Close 1670
Jul 90 Hi 1407-1407 Low Close 1407
Vol 93 lots Open interest 8349
Dry cargo index 1584 down 1

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL	AMT Futures
Jan	221.50-21.00
Feb	203.75-03.25
Mar	184.75-84.50
Apr	173.00-72.50
May	168.00-67.50
Jun	167.00-65.00
Jul	167.50-66.50
Vol	6880

BRENT	AMT Futures
Feb	20.08-20.05
Mar	19.46-19.45
Vol	4476

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	147.0	147.0
Apr	206.3	207.4
May	231.0	231.0
Nov	100.0	100.0
		Vol 24

LONDON FOX

COCOA — Dec 843-836, Mar 828-827, May 840-838, Jul 854-853; AMT Futures Sep 870-839, Dec 893-892, Mar 713-712, Vol 2257

COFFEE — Jan 637-636, Mar 642-641, May 653-652, Jul 670-668; AMT Futures Sep 689-688, Nov 706-704, Jan 728-720, Vol 4334

SUGAR FOB — C Czarnikow, Vol: 4173; Mar 294.0-93.6, May 286.0-84.8, Aug 282.4-82.0, Oct 287.0-86.8, Dec 282.0-75.0, Mar 272.0-71.8

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 145: Ja 113.95 Mr 117.85 My 121.35 Jn 123.05 Sp 105.85 Nv 109.00
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 7: Ja 110.85 Mr 113.30 My 115.10 Sp 103.80 Nv 106.60 Ja 109.60

SOYABEAN AMT Futures: Feb unq, Apr 207.3-08.3, May 231.0-31.0; Aug unq, Oct unq, Dec unq; Vol 24

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1483.0-1485.0	1497.0-1498.0	316325	Easier
Lead	451.00-452.00	445.50-446.00	58075	Firmer
Zinc Hi Gde*	1360.0-1365.0	1300.0-1310.0	26900	Quiet
Zinc Spec Hi*	1415.0-1420.0	1310.0-1315.0	140200	Easier
Tin*	6840-6850	7070-7075	5645	Steady
Aluminium Hi*	1623.0-1625.0	1624.0-1625.0	141650	Easier
Nickel*	8350-8400	7975-8000	13198	Steady

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (£/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	108.0	108.0
Apr	108.8	108.5
Jun	108.0	108.8
Aug	109.0	109.0

Live Cattle Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Jan	116.3	116.3
Feb	117.0	117.0
Apr	118.8	118.8

Vol Pig-0 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on December 28

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	85.89	211.77	116.47
GB (+/-)	-1.14	+2.17	+2.71
Eng/Wal (%)	+28.2	-16.3	+39.8
Eng/Wal (p)	85.89	212.82	116.89
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-0.66	+1.78	+2.99
Scotland (%)	n/a	-22.5	-38.4
Scotland (p)	n/a	208.54	113.99
Scotland (+/-)	n/a	+3.06	+0.56

* Estimated dead carcase weight

MOTORING

French switch on to electric

Peugeot responds to ozone-friendly motoring and drives ahead with its expensive gamble to launch a clean, battery-driven car. But will it spark off a trend among drivers and car makers?

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

Ready for a spring roll: beneath the bonnet of this normal-looking Peugeot 205 is a battery of electric batteries; the first new green car of the decade

From the outside, it looked the same as the natty Peugeot 205 convertible. Inside, the first clue that here was a new motoring experience came with the turn of the ignition key: there was no reassuring "click".

This was the first of Peugeot's electric cars, which will be rolling off production lines from April in a bold move by the French multi-national car maker to try to sway motorists towards cleaner cars.

At a time when London policemen have been issued with gas masks to counter traffic fumes, there seems no better way to start the decade than with a new generation of clean cars.

Electric power has baffled car makers for years. The prize is there to be won for the inventor who can come up with a battery capable of holding enough power to equal the flexibility, speed and range of a conventional petrol or diesel vehicle.

No one has achieved this, but maybe if the car makers had ploughed the same resources into researching electricity as they have into turbo-chargers and supercars, the problem would have been solved by now. Manufacturers in Europe, America and Japan think nothing of investing £500 million into developing new petrol-engined cars.

However, Peugeot has decided that the success of the green movement means that someone has to make the first move and start manufacturing electric cars.

Jean-Yves Helmer, director of automotive division of the French PSA group — which includes Peugeot and Citroën — realizes there are limitations to electric cars. "The electric car is not perfect and is not as flexible as a petrol-engined car," he says. "But for short-route use, it is a very capable and flexible car which could be used by private motorists or delivery firms. There are many potential uses."

The Peugeot 205 was chosen as a base model because of its popularity: it is one of Europe's best-selling compact cars. (Citroën will be attempting to sell its C15 van to city delivery firms as well as businesses such as the French electricity generating board.)

Using a conventional body shape instead of a purpose-built vehicle has two advantages: lower costs, because Peugeot does not have to dedicate extra design and production resources to new bodies and suspensions; and familiarity, because drivers will feel that the new electric car resembles the present successful package.

> **'For short-route use, it is a very capable and flexible car which could be used by private motorists or delivery firms'**

Does it work? Well, yes . . . and no. Driving an electric Peugeot 205 is nothing like motoring in the racy 1.6-litre 120mph petrol version of the cabriolet. There is little point in revving up at the lights to impress the driver in the next lane, but performance is perfectly adequate for a town driver travelling from the suburbs to the office or factory.

The average journey by a British motorist is about 10 miles — well within the electric car's range. And operation is simple. Get in and turn the ignition key; a tiny dashboard light signifies that the engine is on. Then, push a button for forward or reverse and press down on the throttle.

The response is like driving an electric razor, and about as exciting. The only sound is a buzz from under the bonnet where the 12 huge nickel-cadmium batteries are stored. They provide enough power to push the electric 205 to about 55mph flat out, and for a range of 75 miles.

Recharging is easy and fairly cheap. Just plug the car into the mains overnight for five to six hours; the cost works out at about 1½p for every mile travelled, and one charge should provide enough power to go shopping, pick up the children from school and go to work each day.

The drawback is the initial cost of buying the car, which is likely to be 30 per cent more than a petrol-engined 205. But Helmer and his engineers say that this will be recouped on fuel costs and maintenance bills. The only maintenance needed is likely to be a replacement or thorough check every two years of the batteries, which are factory-sealed and require no topping up. Apart from that, just remember to check the tyres.

Helmer says that companies using the car could recoup their costs within months. City authorities in Los Angeles were convinced enough to make an inquiry about an order for a possible 3,000 vehicles, and a string of industrial customers is lined up in France.

But, as Helmer says, the real breakthrough for electric cars can be made only if motorists give up the idea that they must have a 150mph supercar in which to go to the shops.

He says the days are coming when an electric car can provide full in-town transport. Inter-city driving, he says, could be provided by electric cars with a 'secondary power source, which could be an improved "clean" petrol or diesel engine that would charge up the battery through an alternator, cutting back to electric power in town.

Helmer wants tax concessions to pay back the customers brave enough to stump up the extra 30 per cent cost of the electric car, and Peugeot has already appealed to the European Commission for moves to match the West German decision to cut motoring taxes for drivers who switched to using catalytic convertors on petrol-engined cars.

He adds: "For years, despite their obvious suitability for city driving, the silence and total lack of pollution, the spread of electric vehicles has stagnated.

"The major obstacle is the high price, which can only drop if production volumes are substantially increased. But sales can never increase unless the price drops.

"Someone has to break the circle, and we have decided to go ahead. If orders pick up, the price will drop, but we need the consent of the public to back the scheme."

...and Britain sees the green light

A young British inventor is seeking £100,000 backing to launch a revolutionary electric car. Karl Bowers, an executive with the Hoskyns computer group, designed it as a project sponsored by his company. And it did not take long to realize that the car could be a commercial success with enough interior space, speed and range to satisfy the demands of most town drivers.

He proved the point by driving the 120-mile circuit of the M25 at 40mph — at a total cost of 60p. His car costs ½p a mile to charge overnight on cheap-rate electricity.

The car is based on a Rover Metro floorpan, with components from the garage parts bin, so that maintenance is simple.

"As it stands, the vehicle costs about £8,000 but that could be reduced to £6,000 by leasing the batteries, the most expensive components," he says.

Spark of inspiration: Karl Bowers with his all-electric "bubble" car

Cost of wooing buyers

The cost to the manufacturer of advertising a car is one of the most surprising ingredients in the industry. Saab, the troubled Swedish manufacturer now part of General Motors, spent an average of £400.80 advertising each model, priced between £11,500 and £25,000, sold in Britain in the first nine months of the year.

Manufacturers in total spent more than £250 million up to September, an increase of 18 per cent over 1988, according to the statistics prepared by Media Expenditure Analysis Ltd (Meal) in a report published in *Sewells Digest*.

Meal calculated the costs by dividing the number of registrations achieved into the total company advertising budgets. For Saab, this meant dividing £3.96 million by only 9,900 registrations.

The next highest spending was by Seat, the Spanish company owned by Volkswagen of West Germany, which invested an average £321 on each model from its range costing between £4,000 and £8,000.

None of Britain's three big manufacturers, which account for half of all sales in the UK, features in Meal's top 10 league table.

Although Ford spent £31.5 million on advertising in the first three-quarters of 1989, it also registered 506,755 cars, resulting in an average cost per car of a mere £62.30.

Rover's total advertising budget was £29.3 million, leading to a figure of £111.60 for each of its 262,790 cars registered, while Vauxhall spent £19.9 million for an £70 average on its 285,448 cars.

The Meal top advertising spenders per car are:

1. Saab	£400.80	(total budget £3.96 million)
2. Seat	£321	(£2.74m)
3. Fiat	£319.40	(£19.35m)
4. Citroën	£294.10	(£16.58m)
5. Mazda	£250.60	(£4.12m)
6. Renault	£239.10	(£17.1m)
7. Audi-VW	£196.90	(£21.1m)
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SPORT IN THE 1990s

Finlay Calder presents his views on challenges facing rugby union in our series looking forward to the 1990s

The revised proposals on amateurism must change the outlook of all international players in the 1990s. In Scotland we are slightly sceptical of the suggestions that rugby players will become wealthy men through the proposed changes. Only a very few will derive any benefit and I believe this will be the case elsewhere, too.

I come from an area which is not as rugby-orientated as, say, Wales, or the south-west of England, and therefore it is difficult for me to discuss the domestic scene that exists there. There is a demand for only so many after-dinner speakers, television interviews and the like, so I don't see that as a big earner.

If a player writes a regular article for a paper, he will have to be careful not to criticize the hierarchy or his fellow players or he will find himself out of the squad and friendless. Will the paper want his column if he can only offer bland observations?

I'm totally in favour of players receiving payments from any source other than playing. However, I do hope common sense will prevail — if a group of businessmen want a celebrity to come along and give an entertaining after-dinner speech, then let market forces decide his reward. If the same player is asked to spend an evening at a local club, then I trust he will remember that part of his unwritten role as an international player is to encourage others by attending club training nights, dinners or whatever.

The traditionalists will say that these new proposals signal the end of rugby as we know it. The realists would say it's long overdue. I'm convinced that the vast majority of the rugby public would be sympathetic towards the top players receiving fair compensation for the time required to play at the highest level.

Rugby has enjoyed a tremendous boom in the Eighties — in my opinion this is for two main reasons. First, the laws have changed, allowing a faster, more attractive game to be played. Second, the faster the game, the fitter the players have to be to keep up. These two factors have attracted the sponsor — rugby's clean image is very appealing to companies and during the Eighties when other sports have attracted less favourable media attention, rugby has gained at the expense of others. I see no reason for this to change in the 1990s.

However, consider the player in this situation: the money pours in to the unions, the demand for tickets is at an all-time high, all paying to be present when the unpaid gladiators take the field. You can hardly blame the players for feeling a little left out. Not only does the player have to answer to his wife or girlfriend; he also has an employer looking for his share, his club, his district all expecting their bit — and from time to time the Press looking for a comment or interview — and it all takes time. The problem is that the public feel the players should be available all the time for one function or another; few understand the pressure placed upon them and realistically, why should they?

As I've said before, the players who play international rugby are by nature a breed apart — and I'm sure that, in the main, they will respect the *esprit de corps* that accompanies representing your country. If you put things the other way round: what would an average club player give to change places with you? I've been lucky enough to have been involved at the top level for eight years and although I've had my low points, they have been outweighed by the high points. It's rather like life: if you don't experience the lows you can't fully appreciate the highs.

The 1990s present new challenges. The 1991 World Cup will give the five nations their biggest opportunity to sell the game. It will be a further eight years — possibly longer — before the authorities get another chance, so I hope they don't squander the opportunity.

For example, rugby league is the No. 1 sport in Australia and while we were there last summer we were able to see the effort the authorities put into keeping the sport in pole position. Tina Turner, for a reported £950,000, appeared with the players in an advertisement shown daily on television, solely to keep rugby league in the viewers' mind. As the rugby union authorities have now switched to independent television for their World Cup coverage, they should be in a similar situation to present the game. With the audience available world-wide, what's £1 million to spend on high-profile advertising?

As a sport we must compete with the rest in the 1990s. We have no divine right to expect kids to come and play — we must go and get them. Recently, I played in the town of Berwick, on the occasion of its club's 21st birthday, and a celebrity team was raised (though if the truth be known, they were more like has-beens!). Nevertheless, a sizeable crowd turned out. The following night 53 boys turned up for training. There is an enormous potential to attract lads to our game; the ability to turn that potential into reality is in our own hands. Kids adore watching tries, fast-moving games, and they want to be part of it. If we miss the chance to pump this market senseless, we will regret it.

To their credit, the authorities are becoming more aware of the problems. In Scotland, the players meet the union from time to time so that open discussions can be had. It's no longer the "them and us" scenario. As I've said before, the players are responsible people, especially the more seasoned ones, and I feel it's more productive to include rather than exclude. Nobody likes being told what to do — best ask for their opinion first.

On that point, I should like to see recently retired players more involved in law changes, both on and off the park. Clearly, to have decisions made by people, who, despite having the game's interests at heart, are a long way from their playing days, is not altogether satisfactory. The game has moved forwards — perhaps not with the times — but if we are to catch up, players such as Robert Norster and Donal Lenihan could contribute an enormous amount.

Regrettably, no one will ask them and they will be lost to the game. The biggest hurdle for any international player is that the only way to achieve change is to start at club committee level and work through the system. It would be preferable if these players could be co-opted on more frequently.

The governing bodies have to be careful. On one hand, they preach about tradition, ethics, loyalty; on the other, they drop the BBC for the World Cup. Why? Money, pure and simple. To the rugby authorities I suggest, be careful, you must practise what you preach. I hope the authorities will try harder to be one step ahead of the players' needs and not continually at least one step behind. Without the players, after all, there is no revenue.

Why can the international board condone letting 90 officials and their wives travel to South Africa for an all-expenses-paid trip and, at the same time, refuse to allow the partners of the Lions to accompany the players to Paris for two days when the French authorities were happy to meet any expenses?

I don't think we have a problem with violence. The media tends to look for the worst in everybody rather than the best. They forget how many people play rugby every weekend and the amount of enjoyment they get from it. We all lose the rag at times and sometimes take it out on someone but it's a great feeling on a Saturday night, having run yourself senseless, and it helps relieve all the stress of the week.

You do run the risk of being hurt in a physical contact sport, totally by accident. But I'd like to think that my son would play the game and experience the similar enjoyment that I have had out of rugby. I consider myself a very lucky man, who just happened to be in the right place at the right time. I've travelled the world and made many friends. Rugby is not in the same league as other sports financially, but as far as people are concerned, it is a different world.

I know we face an era of great change. Ten years ago it was inconceivable that some of the things we have now would happen. We must adapt or be left behind but I hope it will remain possible that such countries as Scotland and Ireland, with such small rugby-playing populations, can continue to compete at the same level as the other senior countries. However, the final test must be: if I were 18, would I do it all over again? Without doubt. I'd only like one thing to change — could I please look like Jason Donovan next time.

● *Interview by David Hands*

Leader of the pack: Calder has played at the top level for eight years

FINLAY CALDER

Born: August 20, 1957, in Haddington. Career details: began playing senior rugby with Melrose with whom he spent five seasons before returning to Edinburgh to play for Stewart's Melville Former Pupils. One of four rugby-playing brothers, he followed his twin, Jim — also a flank forward — into the Scotland side against France in 1986 and has since won 22 caps, the latest against Romania this month. Captained Scotland in the five nations' championship last season and led the British Isles to their 2-1 series victory over Australia during the summer, the first winning Lions party for 15 years. Works in Edinburgh for Cerea (UK) Ltd, a company of grain shippers.

TOMORROW

Adrian Moorhouse on swimming

RACING

Maid Of Money's determination foils Waterloo Boy

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Maid Of Money produced a performance of courage and determination to land the Ir£50,000 Black & White Whisky Champion Chase at Leopardstown yesterday but failed to impress the bookmakers.

After John Fowler's mare had survived a number of jumping errors to foil the challenge of Waterloo Boy by half a length, Ladbrokes extended her odds for the Cheltenham Gold Cup from 8-1 to 10-1. Super Furrow, the only other finisher, was just three-quarters of a length away.

With Jim Dreaper producing a veterinary certificate of "infection" for Carvill's Hill and Abbey Glen defecting after a hard race the previous day, only four went to post and the field was further reduced when, for the second day in a row, Have A Barney blundered badly at the fence past the stands.

Racing over a distance well short of her best, Maid Of Money was obliged to set her own gallop and, according to her rider, Anthony Powell, her resulting mistakes were largely due to lack of company.

She was lucky to get away with a particularly bad blunder eight fences from home but, true to Powell's words, she warmed to her task when coming to the second last fence where both Waterloo Boy and Super Furrow threw down their challenges.

She gained ground in the air here but, as the field rounded the final turn for home, the other pair were almost back on level terms.

Waterloo Boy, who had jumped with great fluency throughout, landed the fractional leader but Maid Of Money, shaking off the persistent Super Furrow, came back at him again and, in a driving finish, got up just before the post.

After the race, Fowler reiterated his wish to get a race over the Cheltenham fences into her prior to the Gold Cup. The event he has in mind is the Charterhouse Mercantile Chase over three miles on January 27.

Dunwoody gets three-day ban

Richard Dunwoody was given a three-day suspension (January 6-8) by the Leopardstown stewards yesterday after finishing fourth on Fourth of July in the Coral Golden Stayers Handicap Hurdle (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

The stewards considered Fourth Of July had not been allowed to run on his merits and suspended the horse for 28 days. Trainer Mick O'Toole, fined £300, is likely to appeal.

Results from four meetings

Stratford

Going: good

1.00 (2m hdle) 1, **ATLAAL** (S Smith Eccles, 8-13 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Sharon's Royale (H Davies, 14-1); 3, Buddington (J Railton, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Trecauldah, 7 Kheta King (6th), 16 Carpe Diem, 20 Viceroy Jester (5th), 25 Straight Brandy (4th), 50 After The Gloom, 66 Coot Emm, Emma Tom Bay, Ess-Jay-Ess (pu), Eurodix, Go Milstrian, Hawkes Bay, Nota-Pennyless. 16 ran. NR: Father Time. 3l, ¾l, 3l, 7l, 3l. J Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £2.40, £5.10. DF: £7.60. CSF: £10.55.

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, **WOODKNOT** (J Lodder, 5-1); 2, Arable Land (A Carroll, 4-1 fav); 3, Tadbir (C Smith, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Deemster Willow (6th), 15-2 Keep Straight (su), 8 Telemachus, 10 Lady Lax (4th), 14 Rough Cut (pu), 16 Bold Singer (pu), Miss Patdonna, 50 Permanently Pink (pu), Present Times (5th), Will's Dream (pu), Yufrouw Ann (pu). 14 ran. 7l, 15l, 3l, 8l, ¾l. F Jordan at Leominster. Tote: £5.00; £1.80, £1.80, £2.40. DF: £13.20. CSF: £23.70. Tricast: £110.53. Bought in 2,600gns.

2.00 (3m 2f ch) 1, **PIRRI PRICE** (T Morgan, 11-4; Mandarin's nap); 2, Mwesaish (M Lynch, 7-2); 3, Page Of Gold (W Humphreys, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Lean Ort (4th), 14 Sunylyn (pu), Le Grand Maitre (pu), 40 Bird of Spirit (pu). 7 ran. NR: Woodlands Lad. 2½l, 10l, 30l. J Edwards at Ross-On-Wye. Tote: £3.50; £1.90, £2.70. DF: £6.80. CSF: £11.95. Tricast: £18.07.

2.30 (2m ch) 1, **NOBLE EYRE** (Mr M Armytage, 5-2); 2, Bee Garden (Mr E Bailey, 9-4); 3, Members' Revenge (Mr G Upton, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Malradee (pu), 25 Eamons Owen (4th), 33 Sir Lester (pu), 100 Donperry (pu). 7 ran. 1½l, 7l, 15l. D Gandolfo at Wantage. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £1.80. DF: £4.40. CSF: £8.07.

3.00 (2m 6f ch) 1, **UP AND COMING** (Mr G Johnson Houghton, 6-1); 2, Folk Dance (A Charlton, 13-8 fav); 3, The Doormaker (J Railton, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Absolute Beginner (ur), 10 Westgate (pu), 12 Crafty Style, 16 Couture Color (4th), Woodland Retreat (6th), 25 Little Mynd (5th), Connaught Cleaners (pu), Granny Pray On, 50 Tom's Little Will (ur), Toytown (pu). 13 ran. 7l, 2l, 4l, 15l, 5l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £5.20; £2.10, £1.70, £7.90. DF: £7.30. CSF: £15.62. Tricast: £174.12.

3.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, **CANTAMEGA** (J Tulte, 7-1); 2, Into The Red (P Dever, 10-1); 3, Torside (J Lower, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Celtic Sunlight (4th), 7 Fire At Will (5th), 10 Our Survivor, 12 Radical Views (6th), 50 Master William, 66 Gatterstown (ur), Jacko's Fun (pu), Ocean Thief (pu), Prairie Storm, Gavomatic (pu), Hannah Millie Nick, Larksmore, Magic Melissa (f), Shelymyrn (pu), Torula Bridge (ur). 18 ran. NR: Royalty Bay. 8l, 2½l, 5l, 8l, ½l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £8.60; £2.30, £2.10, £1.90. DF: £16.50. CSF: £67.56.

Placepot: £17.50.

Newcastle

Going: good

1.0 (3m ch) 1, **HIGHFRITH** (N Doughty, 8-13 fav); 2, Wisconsin (R Supple, 100-1); 3, He Is Greedy (M Dwyer, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Waltingo (f), 11-2 Hello Georgie (f), 20 Hickleton Boy (pu). 6 ran. ¾l, dist. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £16.60. DF: £25.60. CSF: £25.09.

1.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **JUDGES FANCY** (R Supple, 3-1 fav); 2, Jesters Prospect (G Harker, 25-1); 3, Sebel House (G McCourt, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Regal Estate (6th), 15-2 Strong Fancy (4th), 9 Garry Odder (5th), 12 Another Dyer, Just Another Sip, 14 Taxi On Target, 20 Kirkland Green, 50 Scarning Dale, 66 Boysterous Boy, Cantacomar, Corbitts Militaria (pu), Jupiter Prince (pu), Reviller's Glory, Who Is He (pu), Gonzo's Pet, Lochoich, Mulled Wine, Roscam Lady. 21 ran. 5l, 4l, ½l, ¾l, 2l. C Tristline at Welford-on-Avon. Tote: £3.80; £1.70, £19.00, £1.70. DF: £347.10. CSF: £52.83. Last 'O'The Bunch, 4-1, was withdrawn not under orders, Rule 4 applies to all bets, a deduction of 20p in the £.

2.5 (2m ch) 1, **THE ANTARTEX** (N Doughty, 2-1); 2, Marejo (B Storey, Evens fav); 3, Norton Warrior (L Wyer, 3-1). 3 ran. Nk, 5l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £2.50. DF: £1.50. CSF: £4.05.

2.35 (2m 4f ch) 1, **IBN MAJED** (M Dwyer, 15-8 fav); 2, Lacidar (T Reed, 8-1); 3, Sure Metal (G McCourt, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Randolph Place (6th), 5 Stay On Tracks (4th), 17-2 Galadina, 14 Alten Glazed, 16 The Demon Barber (5th), 20 Tactico. 9 ran. 3l, 10l, 3l, 3l, 1l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £2.90; £1.70, £1.90, £1.50. DF: £7.70. CSF: £16.57. Tricast: £171.26.

3.5 (2m hdle) 1, **SAGAMAN** (S Turner, 16-1); 2, Joe Bumpas (M Dwyer, 7-1); 3, Another Nick (D Byrne, 20-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Logamimo (4th), 7-2 Procurator (f), 7 Island Jetsetter (bd), 10 Highflying, 12 Damenour, 25 Roosters Tipple, 33 Sea Devil, Surest Dancer (5th), 50 Polipher, Roman Naut, Valiant Star, Nancy Ardross (6th). 15 ran. 4l, 1½l, 4l, 3l, 3l. L Codd at Evesham. Tote: £16.40; £2.60, £2.60, £3.70. DF: £64.20. CSF: £130.16.

3.35 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **ARMAGRET** (D Byrne, 12-1); 2, Tribal Ruler (G McCourt, 14-1); 3, Eurocea (B McGill, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Dual Venture (4th), Marcellina (6th), 13-2 Warwick Suite, 15-2 Solicitor's Choice (ur), 8 Bantel Buccaneer (5th), 9 Italian Tour, 16 Macho Men, 20 Knockan Boy (pu), 33 Shelbourne. 12 ran. ½l, 10l, 1½l, 15l, 10l. B Wilkinson at Middleham. Tote: £19.50; £3.90, £4.10, £3.70. DF: £162.90. CSF: £155.91. Tricast: £1,090.89.

Placepot: £186.40.

Taunton

Going: soft

12.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, **VA LUTE** (N Mann, 11-2); 2, Purple Prince (D Hood, 11-10 fav); 3, Jurisprudence (S Davies, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Parklands Belle, 9 Horaban (4th), 10 Damribo (pu), 12 Fourth Protocol (5th), 20 Daisy Miller, 33 Five Quarters, 50 Lutinetta (pu), Most Interesting (6th). 11 ran. 20l, 7l, 4l, 1½l, 12l. R Holder at Bristol. Tote: £4.30; £1.10, £1.50, £5.20. DF: £3.50. CSF: £11.62. Winner bought in for 2,600gns.

12.45 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, **LONGGHURST** (I Shoemark, 5-2); 2, Krypton Knight (N Coleman, 7-1); 3, Duncan Idaho (M Fitzgerald, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 10-11 fav Wycombe Lady (f), 12 Melody Lane (4th), 14 Tinsel Rose (pu), 16 Vaverde (pu), 50 Baccarole (pu), Creetown Sally (pu). 9 ran. NR: Nonsuch Palace. 20l, 10l, 15l. B Forsey at Taunton. Tote: £4.90; £1.30, £1.50, £5.30. DF: £14.30. CSF: £19.91.

1.15 (3m 3f ch) 1, **BUMBLES FOLLY** (S Earle, 9-2); 2, Capell Cone (S McNeill, 8-1); 3, North Lane (P Scudamore, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Compton Park (4th), 13-2 En Gounsel Theon (pu), 8 Fence Judge (6th), 25 Dock Brief (f), 33 Sidbury Hill (5th), The Quohee, Notre Cheval (pu), 50 Dusky's Spirit (f). 11 ran. NR. Comra. Nk, 15l, 20l, 30l, 8l. D Barons at Kingsbridge. Tote: £6.70; £1.90, £2.90, £1.70. DF: £18.20. CSF: £37.28. Tricast: £92.50.

1.45 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, **REGAL LAKE** (D Gallagher, 21-20 fav); 2, Lissahane Lass (D O'Sullivan, 6-1); 3, Marlborough Lady (G Knight, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Amaredo (6th), 10 Old Deer Park (4th), 20 Able Vale (pu), 50 City Native (5th), Whitcombe Warrior (f), Highwood Lad, Miss Kilpatrick (pu), Past Midnight (pu), Welsh Column, La Frite (pu). 13 ran. NR: Easy Match. 1½l, 10l, 6l, 3l, 15l. Mrs J Parman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.50; £1.70, £1.80, £2.70. DF: £7.00. CSF: £7.85.

2.15 (3m ch) 1, **TROPICAL MIST** (B Powell, 10-1); 2, Streetfighter (W McFarland, 20-1); 3, Another Seeker (C Llewellyn, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Rare Bid (4th), 4 Aughwilliam (pu), Zummerset, 7 Radally (pu), 10 On His Own (pu), 11 Hello Sam (ur), 14 Smithy Bear (pu), Sportsnews (f), 16 Prize Command (f), 33 Arctic Mariner (pu). 13 ran. 10l, 20l, 30l. G Ham at Axbridge. Tote: £15.00; £4.50, £3.20, £10.10. DF: £75.70. CSF: £180.08. Tricast: £3,581.01.

2.45 (2m 110yd ch) 1, **THE LEGGETT** (P Scudamore, 1-2 fav; Michael Seely's nap); 2, Broad Beam (Peter Hobbs, 15-2); 3, St William (W Irvine, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Sedgewell Lad, 16 Blue Danube (5th), 33 Wimbleball (6th), Irish Guest (pu), 100 Tongsunian (4th), Vital Export (pu). 9 ran. ½l, 25l, 4l, 12l, nk. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £1.40, £1.10. DF: £3.60. CSF: £5.05. Tricast: £13.72.

3.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, **CORAL HARBOUR** (W Irvine, 16-1); 2, Nastell (N Hawke, 33-1); 3, Monk's Mistake (W McFarland, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Fresh-Mint (6th), 7 Lizzy Longstocking, 8 Celcius (4th), Cantorial, 11 Bwana Kali, 16 Arbitrage, 20 Kings Victory (5th), 25 Rehearsing, 33 Jay Jay's Voyage, Libliary, Mon Regret, Indian Sunrise. 15 ran. NR: Anbanree. 1½l, ½l, 1½l, 20l, ¾l. A Barrow at Bridgwater. Tote: £24.60; £4.50, £5.40, £1.80. DF (winner or second with any other horse): £5.20. CSF: £402.41. Tricast: £1,817.24.

3.45 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, **MIDFIELDER** (Peter Hobbs, 5-4 fav); 2, Recidivist (J Frost, 12-1); 3, Merry Marigold (N Mann, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Doreen's Pride (4th), 10 Sparkler Gebe (pu), 11 Evening Rain, 16 Green Island (pu), 20 Twiggers (pu), 33 Time On My Hands (6th), 66 Lurex Star, Swinging Noe Joe (5th), Curious Feeling, Silent Wish (f). 13 ran. NR: June's Fancy. 15l, 1½l, 30l, 6l, 7l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £3.20, £2.80. DF: £7.30. CSF: £17.94.

Placepot: £581.50

Plumpton

Going: soft

1.0 (2m hdle) 1, **Ri-Na-Ribann** (M Pitman, 11-8 fav); 2, Disco Duke (33-1); 3, Oneupmanship (9-4). 14 ran. 1l, ½l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £2.70, £1.30. DF: £10.60. CSF: £42.04.

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, **Colne Valley Kid** (G Moore, 7-2 fav); 2, Shot And Shell (11-2); 3, Gabish (4-1). 11 ran. NR: Windmede. 15l, 3l. A Moore. Tote: £6.60; £1.90, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £19.70. CSF: £22.90. Tricast: £75.41.

2.0 (3m 1f ch) 1, **No One To Blame** (J White, 6-4 fav); 2, Annette's Venture (5-1); 3, Sir Wager (25-1). 5 ran. 10l, sh hd. N Henderson. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £2.10. DF: £4.80. CSF: £8.88.

2.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **Dipyn Bach** (P Corrigan, 10-1); 2, Keynes (3-1 fav); 3, Interplay (5-1). 15 ran. 1l, 2l. T McGovern. Tote: £9.90; £3.30, £2.30, £2.20. DF: £14.70. CSF: £41.89. Tricast: £166.30.

3.0 (2m ch) 1, **Green Marble** (A Tory, 3-1); 2, Treble Chance (5-1); 3, Majuba Road (20-1). Annette's Delight 15-8 fav. 5 ran. 8l, 1l. N Mitchell. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £2.00. DF: £8.30. CSF: £16.06. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, **Able Leader** (R Rowe, 9-2); 2, Good Spark (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Badrakhani (2-1 jt-fav). 17 ran. NR: Fistful Of Bucks. 3l, 2l. J Gifford. Tote: £5.90; £1.90, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £6.50. CSF: £14.19. Tricast: £23.14.

Placepot: £20.90.

CRICKET

Matthews humbles Pakistan

Perth (Reuter) — Chris Matthews, the Western Australian fast bowler, claimed seven wickets for 22 in just 8.3 overs as Pakistan, facing the home side's 398 for nine declared, were 75 all out in their first innings on the second day of their three-day match yesterday. Forced to follow on, the touring party finished the day on 221 for six, still 102 behind.

Matthews, who has been affected by injuries in recent seasons, walked from the field 15 minutes before the close clutching his right hamstring. Before tea he had also twisted an ankle and it was unclear whether he would be able to bowl today.

From 41 for no wicket in the first innings, Pakistan fell apart. Matthews was brought into the bowling just before midday and within 77 minutes Pakistan were all out.

In their second innings, Pakistan lost the opener, Aamer Malik, without scoring, but Shoaib Mohammad, with 40, and Mansoor Akhtar, with 20, steadied the side. Sixty not out by Saleem Yousuf and 51 from the acting captain, Abdul Qadir, saved Pakistan from the humiliation of a defeat within two days.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: First Innings 398 for 9 dec (T M Moody 93, W Andrews 80, M R J Veletta 51).

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Aamer Malik c Zoehrer b Matthews	19
Shoaib Mohammad b Matthews	30
Mansoor Akhtar lbw b Matthews	0
Saeed Anwar c Wood b Russell	0
Ijaz Ahmed lbw b Matthews	3
†Saleem Yousuf c Veletta b Russell	18
*Abdul Qadir c MacLeay b Matthews	0
Aaqib Javed c Zoehrer b Russell	0
Nadeem Ghouri b Matthews	1
Waqar Younis not out	1
Maqsood Rana b Matthews	0
Extras (b 1, lb 1, w 1)	3
Total	75

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-45, 3-46, 4-51, 5-68, 6-68, 7-69, 8-70, 9-74.

BOWLING: Capes 5-2-17-0; MacLeay 6-0-24-0; Matthews 8.3-2-22-7; Russell 7-4-10-3.

Second Innings

Aamer Malik c Veletta b Capes	0
Shoaib Mohammed c sub b Hogan	40
Mansoor Akhtar c Wood b Capes	20
Saeed Anwar c Brayshaw b Capes	11
Ijaz Ahmed lbw b Matthews	27
†Saleem Yousuf not out	60
*Abdul Qadir c Zoehrer b MacLeay	51
Aaqib Javed not out	4
Extras (lb 6, nb 2)	8
Total (6 wkts)	221

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-59, 3-77, 4-79, 5-142, 6-216.

BOWLING: Capes 14-3-70-3, MacLeay 9-5-16-1, Matthews 12.4-1-37-1, Russell 11-2-29-0, Hogan 12-2-54-1, Moody 3-1-7-0, Brayshaw 0.2-0-2-0.

Forthright Gallacher is ideally suited to follow Jacklin's footsteps as Europe's Ryder Cup captain

Ice cool and a stickler for the rules

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

Bernard Gallacher has always been forthright enough to recognize his own limitations, which paradoxically is why he will be well suited to the role of captain of the European team for the next Ryder Cup.

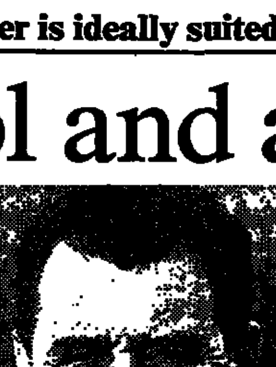
"I don't regard myself as a very good player," Gallacher once said. "I'm sometimes surprised at my results."

In essence, Gallacher never fulfilled the promise he showed when as a 20-year-old in 1969 he finished No. 1 in the Order of Merit. What he has done in the two decades since then is earn the respect not only of his contemporaries but, more importantly, the new wave which has transformed European golf.

The fact that Severiano Ballesteros endorsed the unanimous verdict of the Ryder Cup committee is evidence enough. For Ballesteros respects not only Gallacher's integrity and loyalty but also his innate passion for putting one over the Americans.

It was at the age of 11 that Gallacher elected to follow in the footsteps of his father and play golf. He had a strict Catholic upbringing and the doctrine implanted in him bred a fierce competitor, whose use of the rule book as a fifteenth club was legendary even during his teenage days.

In a brief amateur career, he won the inaugural Scottish strokeplay championship at Muirfield and he had by the age of 18 represented Scotland at both boy and senior level. It provided the launching pad to a meteoric rise in the professional world, since after leaving the amateur ranks in November, 1967, he established himself by in 1969 winning four times and becoming the youngest recipient of the Harry Vardon Trophy.



Gallacher: earned respect

Gallacher also became in 1969 the youngest player until that time to represent Great Britain and Ireland in the Ryder Cup. He recalls with pride his win that year by 4 and 3 against Lee Trevino in the singles.

That triumph stamped Gallacher as a high-class golfer with special matchplay skills and it provided the British scene with further hope for the future as Tony Jacklin had that year won the Open Championship.

Gallacher attracted attention not through ability alone. He was outspoken and propelled forward by an aggressive desire. He fuelled his reputation among his fellow countrymen as the "wee ice mon" by applying the letter of the law in confrontations such as the 1969 Ryder Cup. He stood firm alongside Brian Huggett in a turbulent match against Dave Hill and the eccentric Ken Still. At one point Still, having holed out of turn, snatched up Gallacher's marker with the words: "You can have the hole and the goddarn cup." Gallacher batted not an eyelid.

Gallacher became synonymous with the rules because he viewed them as giving the game its fairness. In truth, he gained a rather unfair reputation for using the rules to win matches. He did not regard himself as a paragon of virtue but he was a disciple of good etiquette.

All of which increased speculation that he possessed both the talent and the strength of character to be successful on the US PGA Tour, even if Gary Player expressed doubts. "He is a fine player with an excellent golf swing," Player said. "But he has one of the worst grips I have ever seen."

Yet Gallacher had become, at the age of 20 years and three months, the youngest player to win the British PGA title when he single-putted three of the last five holes at Ashburnham to edge home by one stroke from John Garner and Guy Wolstenholme. Coincidentally, Brian Barnes the next week won his first tournament, the Agfacolour, and together Barnes and Gallacher became a formidable partnership.

"We had some wonderful wins and a lot of fun," Gallacher said. "We were unbeaten at Muirfield in 1973 and in 1979, when we were last in the team together, we won three points out of four at The Greenbrier.

"But my most enduring memories of the Ryder Cup remain beating Lee Trevino, Jack Nicklaus (1977) and Lanny Wadkins (1979). The match against Jack at Royal Lytham was a real classic. I won the first four holes, he got back to square by the 16th and I holed an 80-foot putt at the 17th to squeeze home by one hole."

If Gallacher has one regret, it is that he lost his enthusiasm for the game the year immediately after he finished No. 1 in the Order of Merit. "I played rubbish in 1970," Gallaher said. "Looking back, I should have gone to America. I think I would have found it easier to maintain my form over there."

That he did not go to the United States supported the theory that he had too soon opted for the security of playing at home. Indeed, he moved his family south in 1975, when he replaced the late Tom Haliburton as club professional at Wentworth.

Gallacher subsequently slipped in 1976 to thirtieth in the Order of Merit. Some observers felt that, by moving to Wentworth, he had lost his competitive edge. Gallacher argued he needed time to adjust and he did win a further seven titles over the next eight years.

He did not, however, reach the position of No. 1 again and the Open Championship remained out of reach, not so much because of his lack of length but because he disliked links golf.

That said, few British golfers in the modern era have possessed the intense desire and dedication to duty, which together make Gallacher the perfect successor to Tony Jacklin.

CAREER DETAILS

Born: Bathgate, Scotland, February 9, 1949.
Attachment: The Wentworth Club.
Height: 5ft 8in.
Weight: 12st.
Family: Wife: Lesley. Children: Kirsty, Jamie and Laura Kate.
Special interests: Reading, walking dogs.
1967: Turned professional.
1968: Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the Year.
1969: Won Harry Vardon Trophy (as leader of Order of Merit), PGA Championship, WD & HO Wills Open, Kawacha Eagle Open (Zambia), Cock O'The North (Zambia).
1970: Mufulira Open (Zambia).
1971: Martini International.
1973: Coca-Cola Young Professionals' Championship.
1974: Carrolls International, Dunlop Masters.
1975: Dunlop Masters.
1977: Spanish Open.
1979: French Open.
1980: Haig TPC.
1981: Cold Shield Greater Manchester Open.
1982: Martini International, Jersey Open.
1984: Jersey Open.
Ryder Cup: 1969, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83.
Hennessy Cognac Cup: 1974, 78, 82, 84 (captain).
World Cup: 1969, 71, 74, 82, 83.

SNOOKER

Virgo fears the worst

By Steve Acteson

John Virgo, the chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), expects to be effectively voted out of office at the annual meeting in Bristol today.

Virgo, who replaced Rex Williams in November 1987, is standing for re-election as a director along with Mark Wildman and David Taylor.

Virgo is not confident of gaining members' support. "I know the lobbying that has been done by certain people and the block votes they control. A lot of players have simply signed a proxy paper and handed it over. Many players are friends of mine, but I know they won't vote for me. They'll vote the way they're told."

Lined up against Virgo are perhaps the two most powerful figures in the game, Barry Hearn and Ian Doyle.

Virgo added: "I knew this was coming when, at last year's meeting, we had press people, solicitors and accountants with proxy votes. The association is for the players but it's being taken out of our hands."

Among the subjects likely to dominate debate are the accounts which, as revealed in *The Times* on Saturday, show the association with only £93 cash-in-hand at the bank and that it made a loss of £553,408 in the year to June 30, 1989.

BOWLS

Rivals' chance of practising for Auckland

The £3,500 Mackeson Fylde Classic, starting today at Blackpool, this year carries special significance — giving valuable practice to several players before they depart for the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand (David Rhys Jones writes).

David Bryant, the holder, may be given the opportunity of a pre-Games match against his young Scottish rival, Richard Corsie, while England players, Tony Allcock and John Ottaway, and Willie Wood, of Scotland, who is also Auckland-bound, will be challenging strongly for places in the quarter-finals tomorrow.

YACHTING: CREW MEMBER'S DEATH CASTS CLOUD OVER SYDNEY-HOBART RACE

Ultimate Challenge is overall leader

From Bob Ross
Sydney

The Sydney-Hobart race fleet, saddened by the death of one of its crew early in the day during gales in Bass Strait, was sailing into calmer waters last night, with the wind and seas moderating.

Peter Taylor, aged 58, of Melbourne's Sandringham Yacht Club, sustained fatal head injuries when the mast of the 52ft BP Flying Colours, owned and skippered by John Lake, snapped off only a foot above deck level and hit him. Taylor was an experienced yachtsman, who owned the former Sydney-Hobart contender, Taurus.

BP Flying Colours was among 12 retirements, which included Southern Cross Cup team members Juno IV, of the United Kingdom, and Southern Cross, from New South Wales, both with broken booms; Bimblegumbie, of Hong Kong, for reasons unknown ashore; and the Japanese ultra-light.

Alan Bond's maxi, Drumbeat, was race leader on the 1500 local time position reports, 202.8 miles from the finish and 10 miles ahead of Syd Fischer's Ragamuffin, with another four miles to the pocket maxi, Hammer, of Queensland. On corrected time, the leader was Lou Abrahams's Ultimate Challenge from Lawson Klopper's True Blue, of West Australia.

The UK team's Farr 50, Heaven Can Wait, skippered by Harold Cudmore, was fourth in fleet on overall corrected time and in Southern Cross Cup division, while the other UK team member, the Davidson One Tonner, Canon Express, skippered by Eddie Warden Owen, was tenth in Southern Cross division.

Although Cyclone still has to face a protest hearing after a collision on the starting line, the New South Wales team was in a strong winning position, with Cyclone's third placing well supported by its Farr 44, Madeline's Daughter, in sixth, and Farr 50, Great News, in ninth.

However, in fading and variable breezes like the south-west to south-easters forecast, the Tasmanian coast is a notoriously fickle place, and the Southern Cross Cup is by no means decided.

HANDICAP POSITIONS (at 1500 local time yesterday): 1, Ultimate Challenge (L Abrahams, Victoria); 2, True Blue (L Klopper, West Australia); 3, Cyclone (M Ryan, New South Wales); 4, Heaven Can Wait (H Cudmore, UK); 5, Sagacious V (G Appleby, Australia); 6, Madeline's Daughter (P Kurts, New South Wales); 7, Foo 2 (W Miller, Hong Kong). Teams: 1, New South Wales, 703pts; 2, UK, 624.5; 3, West Australia, 568; 4, Australia, 534.5; 5, Victoria, 492; 6, Hong Kong, 474.5; 7, Soviet Union, 166.5. Line honours (with distances in nautical miles to finish): 1, Drumbeat (A Bond), 202.8; 2, Ragamuffin (S Fischer), 213.1; 3, Hammer of Queensland (A Bloore), 217.1; 4, Heaven Can Wait, 236.1; 5, Cyclone, 236.9; 6, Rager (M Clements), 240.8; 7, Foo 2, 245.2.

Stirrup Cup fancied to confirm potential in Challow Hurdle

By Mandarin

Stirrup Cup, one of the season's most exciting hurdling recruits, can continue his upward spiral in the Challow Hurdle at Newbury today.

Last season, the Oliver Sherwood-trained bay ran only once, winning a National Hunt flat race at Sandown Park in the manner of an outstanding prospect. On that occasion he showed that vital ingredient, instant acceleration, to beat Mayoran by a very easy seven lengths.

Mayoran, has underlined that form by winning over hurdles at Devon and Exeter this season.

Stirrup Cup made his hurdling debut at Haydock Park last month, coming home by 20 lengths from Super Trix and showing a great aptitude for jumping in the process.

Today, he faces a tough opponent in Forest Sun, who also progressed through the ranks of National Hunt flat races last season, winning two of his three starts. He was running for only the second time over hurdles when putting up an outstanding performance to beat Calapaez at Ascot recently.

Reverting to last season and using Mayoran as a yardstick, Forest Sun comes out the better horse, but I feel that *Stirrup Cup, the mount of* Jamie Osborne, has the greater scope for improvement and he is my nap.

Henrietta Knight, who has made an excellent start to her first season training, can take the Elcot Park Novices' Chase with the highly-regarded Whats Your Problem.

The former Irish-trained gelding has shown considerable ability in point-to-points, both in Ireland and England, and was unbeaten in two races last season.

Vulgan Warrior, one of the best novice chasers of last season, can open his account this term in the Weyhill Handicap Chase. On his seasonal debut at Towcester three weeks ago, he needed the run when beaten 15 lengths by the race-fit Man O'Magic in a match.

Jamie Osborne: partners Stirrup Cup at Newbury

Last season, Vulgan Warrior showed he was close to the very best when runner-up to Nick The Brief at Nottingham. However, he will have a fight on his hands here with the leniently-handicapped Farm Week.

Even if Vodkatini consents to jump off in the Old Year Handicap Chase, I feel the trip *of two miles will be too short* for him. Conditions look ideal for Blueberry King, easy winner of the Frogmore Chase at Ascot 13 days ago, to follow up.

The Wickham Novices' Hurdle, won 12 months ago by Highland Bud, the subsequent Triumph Hurdle runner-up, may again throw some light on this season's coveted juvenile hurdling event at Cheltenham.

Top Villain, Spring Hay and Silver King were all useful performers on the Flat and I expect them to fight out the finish.

Spring Hay, from last year's successful stable, was the best of them on the Flat, his form including a second to Old Vic in the *Guardian* Classic Trial at Sandown.

On this occasion, though, I side with Silver King, a useful performer on the Flat in France and now with Martin Pipe.

The Nicholashayne trainer can complete a double with Parlezvousfrancais in the Abingdon Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle.

At Warwick, Richard Lee, the Presteigne trainer, can continue his recent run of success with King Of The Lot in the Blackmore Amateur Riders' Handicap Chase. He *made considerable progress* over fences last season when his form included a five-length victory over the useful Positive at Wolverhampton in February.

Lee can complete a double at Fontwell Park with Damers Cavalry, who recently beat Floating Lover on this course, in the M & H Racing Novices' Handicap Chase.

Roland O'Sullivan's decision to run Homme D'Affaire in the Derek Hambling Handicap Hurdle at the Sussex course, instead of tackling an alternative engagement at Warwick, *should be rewarded.*

The Lord Gayle gelding, who won all his three races last season, made a satisfactory return at Haydock Park a fortnight ago when third to Yorkshire Holly. The value of that form was highlighted on Wednesday when Yorkshire Holly landed a gamble at Wetherby.

Socks Downe, who ran very well after a long absence at Towcester seven days ago, can improve Jenny Pitman's remarkable December strike rate still further in the Whitelaw Handicap Chase.

In-form Richards has coughing in yard

Gordon Richards, lying third in the trainers' championship behind Martin Pipe and Arthur Stephenson, reported at Newcastle yesterday that at least 12 of his team are coughing.

After saddling Highfrith to win the Northumbria Novices' Chase, the Greystoke trainer said: "I had to run her because it was a bad race, but she gave a cough before and will now have a little rest."

Highfrith had to survive a bad blunder at the last before extending her unbeaten record over fences to five. With three of her five rivals falling earlier, she appeared to have the race at her mercy coming to the last but the error enabled Wisconsin, a 100-1 chance, to get within three-quarters of a length at the finish.

Richards and Neale Doughty went on to complete a double with The Antartex but Randolph Place, their representative in the Game Bird Handicap Chase, disappointed for the second time in 48 hours.

Randolph Place got too close to the ninth fence, losing several lengths, and eventually trailed in a well-beaten sixth behind Ibn Majed.

Lacidar and Ibn Majed had disputed most of the running and were clear at the last where both jumped well but the *latter* found the better pace on the flat to win by three lengths.

Jimmy Fitzgerald, suffering from flu, was represented by his wife, Jane, who said: "Ibn Majed was unlucky on his previous run at Ayr when falling as he was the meat in the sandwich."

Derek Byrne, who recently lost his claim, came in for a spare ride on Armagret in the Pheasant Handicap Hurdle because Lorcan Wyer had injured his hip on Island Jetsetter in the previous race.

Armagret, ridden with hands and heels, got up close home to beat Tribal Ruler by half a length.

The winner's trainer, Jumbo Wilkinson, reported that Armagret nearly died as a yearling when he was poisoned while out at grass. His owner, Tracey Longstaff, nursed him back to health after the vet had advised her to have the horse put down.

Chris Trietline and Liam Codd, landed their first winners of the season with Judges Fancy and Sagaman respectively.

Judges Fancy was particularly impressive when coming clear of Jesters Prospect to win the *Woodcock Novices' Hurdle* by five lengths. Robbie Supple produced his mount at just the right moment and the combination showed far too much speed.

Carlisle is called off

Today's meeting at Carlisle was abandoned following an inspection yesterday afternoon. Wednesday night's heavy frost had failed to clear and another frost was forecast for last night.

Tim Riley, the clerk of the course, said: "Parts of the track are still frostbound and the stewards considered that there was insufficient time for the frost to come out before racing."

● *Kempton Park's Boxing Day* meeting attracted a record crowd of 22,750, an increase of 408 on 1988. Tote turnover for the day was £238,621.

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Whats Your Problem. 1.00 Vulgan Warrior. 1.30 STIRRUP CUP (nap). 2.00 Blueberry King. 2.30 Silver King. 3.00 Parlezvousfrancias.

By Michael Seely

12.30 Whats Your Problem. 2.00 BLUEBERRY KING (nap). 2.30 Silver King.

Going: good to soft (soft back straight) **SIS meeting**

12.30 ELCOT PARK NOVICES CHASE (£3,288: 3m) (12 runners)

101 8223-31 CASTLE OAKS 8 (G,S) (J W Prew & Sons) D Gandolfo 6-11-4 ... S McNeill ● 99
102 22254-1 TENNFORES 7 (D,G,S) (Mrs E Vestey) N Henderson 8-11-4 ... J White 98
103 80-P DIE BROKE 8 (Pell-mall Partners) A Turnell 5-11-0 ... G McCourt —
104 1P0-P5 HALMAJOR 8 (G,S) (I Young) G Balding 8-11-0 ... J Frost —
105 0/F JUST SO 22 (H Cole) J Roberts 6-11-0 ... Mr S Burrough (7) —
106 81341-5 MARKET FORCES 8 (S) (Mrs R Baker) N Gaselee 6-11-0 ... B Powell 88
107 8104/ MR FOG PATCHES 988 (G,S) (I Macaulay) T Jones 7-11-0 ... C Llewellyn —
108 80/250-3 MR KIRBY 8 (S) (J O'Donovan) A Jones 7-11-0 ... I Shoemark (5) 87
109 4PD- OUR FELLOW 361 (N Kalaji) D Murray Smith 7-11-0 ... M Bowlby —
110 4 OVERHEREOVERTHERE 8 (J Upson) J Upson 8-11-0 ... — 85
111 WHATS YOUR PROBLEM (Lord Vestey) Miss H Knight 6-11-0 ... R Beggan —
112 2F145-2 YIRAGAN 58 (CD,BF,S) (M Marsh) D Barons 7-11-0 ... S Earle 96

BETTING: 3-1 Yiragan, 11-2 Tennfores, 7-1 Castle Oaks, 8-1 Whats Your Problem, 10-1 Mr Kirby, Overhereovertherre, 12-1 Halmajor, 14-1 Market Forces, 16-1 Our Fellow, 25-1 others.

1988: POLYFEMUS 8-11-4 J White (8-1) N Henderson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS CASTLE OAKS beat Rambling Echo 7l at Towcester (2m 5f 110yd, good); previously 13l 3rd of 5 to Point Made at Stratford (2m, good).
TENNFORES beat Randolph Crescent a head at Ludlow (3m, good); previously 8l 4th of 16 to Stream Bridge at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, good to soft). OUR FELLOW beat Sweet Pickle 8l at Punchestown (2m, heavy) but was subsequently disqualified for taking the wrong course.
YIRAGAN did not jump very well when 1½l 2nd of 3 to Carneades over this course and distance (good to firm). HALMAJOR has winning form over hurdles and has the scope to make a chaser. WHATS YOUR PROBLEM won both his point-to-points last season by an aggregate distance of 40l and is well-regarded by his trainer.
Selection: TENNFORES

1.0 WEYHILL HANDICAP CHASE (£4,500: 3m) (10 runners)

201 242113/ OVER THE ROAD 822 (S) (J Upson) J Upson 8-12-0 ... — —
202 1424-2P STEEPLE VIEW 41 (C,D,G) (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 8-12-0 ... J Osborne 82
203 U4/1113- WOODGATE 286 (D,G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 8-11-11 ... C Llewellyn 92
204 1231P-2 VULGAN WARRIOR 26 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Wilson) S Christian 7-11-9 ... R Beggan ● 99
205 FP111-1 WONT BE GONE LONG 21 (D,F,G) (R Waley-Cohen) N Henderson 7-11-7 ... R Dunwoody 92
206 P-PR1P1 HUNTWORTH 18 (C,F,G) (W Walter) M Pipe 9-11-7 ... Mr A Walter 84
207 82116-4 MACROOM 44 (C,G,S) (Mrs M Tindall) S Mellor 7-10-13 ... S Cowley 91
208 /4024/1 GREENBANK PARK 22 (D,F,G,S) (R Perkins) R Perkins 12-10-12 ... Mr G Upton (3) 98
209 1F22-33 FARM WEEK 8 (D,BF,G,S) (Lord Chetwode) G Balding 7-10-7 ... J Frost 91
210 18F-P50 FRIENDLY HENRY 6 (CD,S) (R Wright) J Fox 9-10-0 ... B Powell 80

Long handicap: Friendly Henry 9-7.

BETTING: 100-30 Huntworth, 5-1 Macroom, 11-2 Greenbank Park, 6-1 Vulgan Warrior, 7-1 Won't Be Gone Long, 8-1 Farm Week, 12-1 Woodgate, 16-1 Steeple View, 20-1 Over The Road, 33-1 Friendly Henry.

1988: BAIES 6-11-3 P Scudamore (10-11 fav) C Brooks 5 ran

FORM FOCUS OVER THE ROAD has been off the course since finishing an 18l 3rd of 17 to Mighty Mark in the 1988 Scottish National; previously beat Charter Hardware 8l at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, good to soft).
VULGAN WARRIOR 15l 2nd in a match to Man O'Magic at Towcester (2m 5f 110yd, firm); earlier came home by 20l from Slalom at Ascot (3m, good). WONT BE GONE ALONG stayed on well to beat Bonnie Artist ½l at Cheltenham (3m 1f, firm).
MACROOM 5½l 4th of 10 to Arctic Call at Kempton (3m, good). He should improve for that run. GREENBANK PARK defied a racecourse absence of nearly a year when beating Paddy's Pond a head at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, good to firm).
FARM WEEK made mistakes when 5¾l 3rd of 12 to Kodiak Island at Towcester (3m 190y, good); previously 3¾l 3rd of 10 to Polyfemus at Chepstow (3m 3f, good).
Selection: WONT BE GONE LONG (nap)

1.30 CHALLOW HURDLE RACE (Feature race: £6,992: 2m 4f 120yd) (8 runners)

301 42-11 ARDEN 41 (F,G) (Lord Howard de Walden) C Brooks 5-11-13 ... P Scudamore 71
302 211-61 FOREST SUN 13 (S) (Salehurst Paper Co Ltd) G Balding 4-11-13 ... J Frost ● 99
303 0/121 TOM TROUBADOUR 42 (D,F) (S Mussou) J Gifford 6-11-13 ... E Murphy 88
304 30-56 ARD T'MATCH 21 (S,G) (J Rumble) R Simpson 4-11-8 ... D Gallagher 58
305 3-6 BALVENIE 9 (J Whelan) P Hedger 5-11-8 ... G McCourt —
306 603 DORVER 3 (Under Orders Racing Plc) S Dow 5-11-8 ... R Dunwoody 51
307 4 LOCAL WHISPER 34 (BF) (Mrs C Harrington) D Elsworth 5-11-8 ... B Powell 78
308 1-1 STIRRUP CUP 36 (G,S) (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 5-11-8 ... J Osborne 81

BETTING: 4-5 Forest Sun, 100-30 Stirrup Cup, 5-1 Tom Troubador, 8-1 Arden, 12-1 Local Whisper, 20-1 Ard T'Match, 33-1 Dorver, 40-1 Balvenie.

1988: GREEN WILLOW 6-11-13 Peter Hobbs (13-8) J Gifford 4 ran

FORM FOCUS ARDEN beat Athens Gate a neck at Ascot (2m, good to firm); previously beat Aston Express 3l at Ayr (2m, good). FOREST SUN showed much improved form last time when beating Calapaez 5l at Ascot (2m, good to soft).
TOM TROUBADOR beat Remittance Man ¾l at Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm): previously 3l 2nd of 4 to Cruising Altitude over this course and distance. ARD T'MATCH 22l 8th of 8 to Remittance Man at Cheltenham (2m 4f, firm).
LOCAL WHISPER was made favourite when 13l 4th of 11 to Atlaal on his hurdling debut here (2m 100yd, good to firm). STIRRUP CUP impressed on his hurdling debut when easily beating Super Trix 20l at Haydock (2m, good).
Selection: FOREST SUN

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.0 OLD YEAR HANDICAP CHASE (£4,272: 2m 160yd) (5 runners)

401 PPR-20P VODKATINI 13 (B,D,F,G,S) (Dick Richardson Racing Ltd) J Gifford 10-12-0 ... Peter Hobbs 92
402 1212-51 BLUEBERRY KING 13 (CD,F,G,S) (Pell-mall Partners) A Turnell 8-10-11 ... G McCourt ● 99
403 P1F1P-2 WINGSPAN 13 (D,BF,G,S) (P Stilton) M Pipe 5-10-0 ... P Scudamore 88
404 111112- MZIMA SPRING 288 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs K Stuart) Mrs J Retter 10-10-0 ... B Powell 75
405 F840-52 CORKED 28 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Villar) Mrs E Heath 10-10-0 ... Mr P Harding-Jones (5) 79

Long handicap: Wingspan 9-11, Mzima Spring 9-10, Corked 9-5.

BETTING: 5-4 Blueberry King, 3-1 Wingspan, 4-1 Vodkatini, 11-2 Corked, 7-1 Mzima Spring.

1988: SPRINGHOLM 6-10-12 R Dunwoody (8-11 fav) D Nicholson 4 ran

FORM FOCUS BLUEBERRY KING came good when winning by 15l Ascot from Springholm (2m, good to soft). He can follow up.
VODKATINI, has been troublesome at the start, on his seasonal debut ran well when 2nd beaten 1½l by Joint Sovereignty (rec 17lb) here (2m 4f). WINGSPAN set out to make all at Nottingham when collared 2 out and beaten 8l by Katabatic (2m, good).
MZIMA SPRING completed a five-timer when a 2l Stratford winner over Sharp Song (3m, good to firm). CORKED was caught on the line when a sh hd 2nd to Serious Man at Folkestone (2m 4f, good to firm). Faces a stiff task at the weights.
Selection: BLUEBERRY KING

2.30 WICKHAM NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,547: 2m 100yd) (16 runners)

501 BEST EFFORT 70F (R Miquel) R Holder 11-0 ... N Coleman —
502 FAIR PROSPECT 249F (Richard Green (Fine Paintings)) Miss H Knight 11-0 ... R Beggan —
503 NEW ARRANGEMENT 60F (R Billingsley) J Jenkins 11-0 ... M Ahern —
504 NONE SO WISE 59F (E Reitel) R Akehurst 11-0 ... J Leech (5) —
505 PRINCE SOBUR 147F (C Butary) M Blanshard 11-0 ... S McNeill —
506 2 ROBBIE BURNS 35 (D Hunnisett) R Smyth 11-0 ... C Llewellyn ● 99
507 SILVER KING 89F (Pipe Scudamore Racing Plc) M Pipe 11-0 ... P Scudamore —
508 SPRING HAY 53F (A Saeed) D Nicholson 11-0 ... R Dunwoody —
509 4 SPRING RAG 85 (M Llewellyn) G Balding 11-0 ... J Frost 82
510 0 STAR OF THE GLEN 48 (K Orrell) C Horgan 11-0 ... B Powell —
511 0 TEMPERED POINT 9 (Mrs L Hurlbert) D Elsworth 11-0 ... G Bradley —
512 TOP VILLAIN 87F (H Joel) A Turnell 11-0 ... G McCourt —
513 25 BABY ASHLEY 31 (BF) (Mrs L Crofts) P Felden 10-9 ... M Hammond 68
514 FLYING ROOFER 95F (Edwards and Cartwright Ltd) J Roberts 10-9 ... — —
515 5 KATIE SCARLETT 9 (Mrs M Bryce-Smith) J Bridger 10-9 ... E Murphy 77
516 8 MAGIC OATS 15 (D Horton) C Brooks 10-9 ... B de Haan —

BETTING: 5-2 Silver King, 9-2 Spring Hay, 7-1 Robbie Burns, 8-1 Spring Rag, 10-1 Magic Oats, 12-1 Tempered Point, 14-1 Fair Prospect, 16-1 New Arrangement, 20-1 others.

1988: HIGHLAND BUD 11-0 R Dunwoody (15-8 fav) D Nicholson 15 ran

FORM FOCUS ROBBIE BURNS should improve on a 4l course and distance 2nd to Tiger Claw last month (good to firm). SPRING RAG unfancied when 5¾l 4th to Return To Romance at Ascot in October (2m, firm).
FAIR PROSPECT, who was placed in a maiden here and a listed race at Epsom on the Flat and cost 21,000gns at the autumn sales. NEW ARRANGEMENT won a 13-runner Lingfield maiden (1m 2f) when trained by Ben Hanbury.
SILVER KING won a handicap over 1m 4f at Evry and now with Martin Pipe, who has had notable success with French imports. SPRING HAY, still a maiden, ran very well in the Guardian Classic Trial when 3rd to Old Vic (1m 2f).
TOP VILLAIN following a promising debut in the Wood Ditton, failed to live up to expectations, but still fetched 34,000gns at the autumn sales.
No selection

3.0 ABINGDON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,966: 3m 120yd) (10 runners)

601 0P40-2B PARLEZVOUSFRANCAIS 21 (F,S) (Fairford Confectioners Ltd) M Pipe 5-12-0 ... R Maconice ● 99
602 4P0P-14 NECOCHEA 25 (B,CD,BF,G,S) (Mrs L Hannen) N Gaselee 5-11-8 ... E O'Donovan 94
603 P21-46P KAMRISE 13 (D,S) (Mrs L Field) G Balding 7-11-3 ... A Charlton 90
604 03610/P- STERNE 342 (CD,G,S) (P Hannen) Miss E Sneyd 7-11-2 ... D Gallagher —
605 301-P0F BASKET WEAVE 3 (D,F,G,S) (J Sayers) G Balding 8-10-7 ... R Farmer 94
606 3U4455- CIMA 242 (S) (J Old) J Old 11-10-4 ... P Davies 95
607 5-0315F LAPIAFFE 3 (F,G) (R Aitkin) R Hodges 5-10-0 ... W Irvine 94
608 321-211 CHASMARELLA 28 (F,G) (Mrs G Davison) A Davison 4-10-0 ... S Murphy 90
609 F1-35P2 POP SONG 5 (S) (G Roe) G Roe 5-10-0 ... N Hawke 98
610 00F24/2 MRS PEPPERPOT 16 (Mrs I McKie) Mrs I McKie 6-10-0 ... W McFarland 75

Long handicap: Lapiaffe 9-10, Chasmarella 9-7, Pop Song 8-12, Mrs Pepperpot 8-11.

BETTING: 15-8 Parlezvousfrancais, 7-2 Necochea, 6-1 Chasmarella, 8-1 Pop Song, 14-1 Mrs Pepperpot, 16-1 Kamrise, Basket Weave, 20-1 Cima, 25-1 others.

1988: SMARTIE EXPRESS 6-11-3 I Lawrence (9-4 jt-fav) R Hodges 5 ran

FORM FOCUS PARLEZVOUSFRANCAIS had every chance when brought down at the last in Cheltenham handicap won by more fancied stablemate Vagog (3m, firm). NECOCHEA won similar event over course and distance by 12l from Slatcher on her seasonal debut last month (good).
STERNE has had only 2 runs since beating Marsh King a neck over course and distance in March 1988 (good). BASKET WEAVE has yet to strike form this season but has definite claims on last December's 5l Warwick defeat of Tante Marie (2m 5l, good to soft).
LAPIAFFE comes into the reckoning on a 1l Nottingham victory over Westman's Wagon (2m 6f, good to firm). POP SONG was unfancied when 2l 2nd of 22 to Dan Raise at Chepstow (2m 4f, soft).
Selection: BASKET WEAVE

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
C Brooks	7	19	36.8
M Pipe	11	40	27.5
T Forster	24	92	26.1
R Smyth	3	14	21.4
O Sherwood	16	87	18.4
D Murray Smith	6	35	17.1

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
C Llewellyn	7	34	20.6
P Scudamore	35	188	18.6
J Osborne	5	28	17.9
R Dunwoody	28	167	16.8
G McCourt	11	74	14.9
G Bradley	7	53	13.2

Pitman treble extends run

Jenny Pitman extended her remarkable run of post-Christmas success with three winners from only four runners yesterday. A 38-1 treble took her tally to 11 winners in three days.

Her son, Mark, started the ball rolling when justifying favouritism on Ri-Na-Kithann at Plumpton and this was followed by the victories of Dean Gallagher on Regal Lake at Taunton and Joe Tizzard on Cantamiega at Stratford.

Regal Lake, one-time stable horse to Michael Stoute's Irish 2,000 Guineas winner, Shadeed, took centre-stage himself at the Somerset course as he embarked on a new career over hurdles.

The three-year-old is the smallest horse in Mrs Pitman's yard but lack of stature proved no barrier to success as the 21-20 favourite turned in a polished show to beat Lissalane Lass by 1½ lengths in the first division of the Ye Old Inne Juvenile Hurdle.

Edward Byrne was given a six-day suspension (Jan 6-11) after finishing fourth on Old Deer Park. Byrne was found guilty of excessive use of the whip and using his whip "with unreasonable frequency and in a wild manner."

The officials also took a dim view of the performance of Horatian, beaten 31 lengths into fourth place behind Va Lute in the first leg of the selling race.

Imposing a £200 fine on both the trainer, Joan Wonnacott, and Horatian's jockey, her son, David, under the schooling in public rule, the stewards took the view Horatian had been handled tenderly at the rear throughout the race.

● All Jeff, who gave Charlie Brooks his first French winner in a £7,000 chase at Cagnes on Wednesday, will stay in France to be trained for the Grand Steeplechase at Cagnes on January 28. All Jeff was partnered to victory by Guy Landau.

FONTWELL PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Monaru. 1.15 Winning Dancer. 1.45 Homme D'Affaire. 2.15 Socks Downe. 2.45 Damers Cavalry. 3.15 Rositary.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.45 GREEN'S COLLECTION.

Going: good **SIS meeting**

12.45 BRIGHTON NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,800: 2m 2f) (18 runners)

1 11 MONARU 35 (V,F,G) M Pipe 11-7 ... J Lower
2 81 SONSETO 22 S Woodman 11-1 ... S Smith Eccles
3 ALL SHOOK UP 13F P Hoaling 10-9 ... M Furlong
4 CORDILLERO 58F A Moore 10-9 ... G Moore
5 P GO NOBLEY 6 T Thomson Jones 10-9 ... R Rowe
6 56 MUIRFIELD VILLAGE 21 S Dow 10-9 ... S Turner
7 PRIME WARDEN 29F J Ffitch-Heyes 10-9 ... Penny Ffitch-Heyes
8 RARE FISH G Balding 10-9 ... R Guest
9 00 SECRET SUMMIT 22 T McGovern 10-9 ... P Corrigan
10 066 SHOWDOWN 24 A Moore 10-9 ... Candy Moore
11 6 SHIRRAAR 22 B Stevens 10-9 ... M Stevens (7)
12 P TOEBOARD 31 Miss L Bower 10-9 ... D Morris
13 2 WINDSOR PARK 22 (BF) R O'Sullivan 10-9 ... M Kinane
14 CHEZ POLLY 73F P Hedger 10-4 ... M Perrett
15 2 GREEN'S COLLECTION 16F P Cole 10-4 ... H Davies
16 LONG TALL SALLY 67F R Curtis 10-4 ... R Goldstein
17 8 MOMENTS JOY 18 J Hills 10-4 ... Dale McKeown
18 F6 PRESIDENTIAL STAR 22 P Butler 10-4 S McKeever (5)

5-4 Monaru, 2-1 Greens Collection, 5-1 Windsor Park, 10-1 Sonseto, 12-1 Rare Fish, 20-1 others.

1.15 TORTINGTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,506: 2m 2f) (10)

1 3312 CARPET CAPERS 20 (F) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-12-0 ... R Goldstein
2 0-00 SOLITARY REAPER 48 Miss B Sanders 4-11-3 ... Dale McKeown
3 00P1 MYLIEGE 3 (G,S) G Ham 5-11-3 (5ex) ... S Mackey (5)
4 -364 COLONEL CHINSTRAP 53 (V) A Moore 4-10-11 ... G Moore
5 4404 CABALLINE 30 (C,G) M Haynes 5-10-9 D Bonnycastle
6 00-P SPRING PLAY 9 (G) A Denson 5-10-1 ... L Harvey
7 2-00 WINNING DANCER 9 (B) Miss L Bower 5-10-1 ... S Hodgson
8 -520 BUCKSWILL 43 Mrs B Waring 5-10-0 ... J Robson
9 0P6- GOLD COLLAR 212F A Moore 4-10-0 ... Candy Moore
10 3222 GABISH 17 (BF) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-0 ... Penny Ffitch-Heyes

2-1 Carpet Capers, 5-2 Gabish, 4-1 Solitary Reaper, 6-1 Colonel Chinstrap, 10-1 Caballine, 16-1 Winning Dancer.

1.45 DEREK HAMBLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,700: 2m 2f) (12)

1 11-3 HOMME D'AFFAIRE 16 (G,S) R O'Sullivan 6-11-10 ... D O'Sullivan (7)
2 0000 LITTLE TORO 13 (V,F,S) G Balding 7-11-4 ... S Hodgson (7)
3 1F-P KETTI 48 (B,CD,S) D Grissell 4-11-3 ... P Collins (7)
4 12-1 REGGAE YEOMAN 80 (CD,F,S) J Gifford 5-11-3 R Rowe
5 3/0- THE GRIFTER 464 (G) M Madgwick 5-10-12 ... D Madgwick (7)
6 2111 ELEGANT STRANGER 14 (F,G,S) M Tompkins 4-10-11 S Smith Eccles
7 00-0 INHERIT 17 (CD,G,S) R Curtis 7-10-5 ... R Goldstein
8 56/ AUCTION TIME 591F (CD,G) R Akehurst 6-10-5 ... G Hoover (7)
9 2-43 AFFAIRE DE COEUR 17 (F) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-10-3 ... Penny Ffitch-Heyes
10 2-00 SQUADRON-49 (B) C Weedon 6-10-1 ... M Furlong
11 3264 OUBLIER L'ENNUI 53 (F) Miss B Sanders 4-10-1 ... Dale McKeown

12 3P64 CELTIC CHIMES 18 A Denson 5-10-0 ... L Harvey

7-4 Elegant Stranger, 3-1 Homme D'Affaire, 7-2 Reggae Yeoman, 8-1 Little Toro, 10-1 Auction Time, 14-1 Oublier L'Ennui, 20-1 others.

2.15 WHITELAW CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £3,158; 2m 4f) (10)

1 -303 SOUTHERNAIR 31 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Jenkins 9-12-0 ... S Smith Eccles
2 4P/F WILDWOOD 15 (D,F,S) R Curtis 9-11-8 ... R Goldstein
3 /06 SOCKS DOWNE 5 (D,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-5 ... M Pitman
4 U442 DAVY'S WEIR 27 (B,C,D,F,G) J Gifford 9-11-3 ... R Rowe
5 P-11 SERIOUS MAN 26 (D,F,G) D Grissell 8-11-2 ... H Davies
6 4P-P AUTUMN ZULU 9 (CD,G,S) Miss L Bower 10-11-4 ... S Hodgson (7)
7 4-PP SHIRAH JAY 6 (C,D,G,S) N Mitchell 9-10-8 ... A Tory (5)
8 P0UF THE LUCKPENNY MAN 24 (CD,F,S) Mrs L Clay 10-10-2 G Moore
9 -30F NICKY'S JOY 3 (C,D,F,G,S) P Hedger 13-10-1 D Morris
10 1F-2 AIR BROKER 30 (D,F) R Akehurst 8-10-0 ... L Harvey

7-4 Serious Man, 5-2 Southernair, 7-2 Air Broker, 4-1 Davy's Weir, 7-1 The Luckpenny Man, 12-1 others.

2.45 M & H RACING NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,174: 3m 2f 110yd) (11)

1 2-31 DAMERS CAVALRY 24 (CD,F) R Lee 6-11-11 ... —
2 P-00 SEXTON ASH 31 (B,F,G) M Pipe 7-11-0 ... J Lower
3 4-45 MARTIAL COMMANDER 14 (G) G Enright 9-10-9 ... M Perrett
4 36P SARA PEG 8 (B) T Jones 8-10-6 ... M Furlong
5 P066 RHODE ISLAND RED 24 (F,G,S) A Moore 6-10-2 ... G Moore
6 0/P GOLDEN OZY 16 C Popham 8-10-1 ... L Harvey
7 2433 SEA CHALLENGER 20 R Ledger 8-10-0 ... Mrs N Ledger
8 P62- BACHELOR OF LAW 459 Mrs H Fullerton 8-10-0 ... —
9 802F POWER PUNCH 3 W Kemp 5-10-0 ... S McKeever (5)
10 54 ELCOT BRIGADE 29 Mrs J French 11-10-0 ... Miss S French
11 P5-F JUSTTHEWAYYOUARE 50 R Curtis 6-10-0 R Goldstein

11-8 Damers Cavalry, 3-1 Sexton Ash, 11-2 Martial Commander, 6-1 Rhode Island Red, 10-1 Sea Challenger.

3.15 FONTWELL NOVICES HURDLE (£1,940: 2m 6f) (20)

1 00- ASTRASEAL 419 W Carter 4-10-9 ... I Shoemark (5)
2 3-00 BAHRAIN BRIDGE 30 (BF) A Denson 4-10-9 ... M Perrett
3 246- BIG FINISH 216F Miss B Sanders 4-10-9 Dale McKeown
4 03-2 BRAVE SETANTA 20 F O'Mahony 4-10-9 ... M Kinane
5 0PP- CARDINAL RALPH 273 J Gifford 5-10-9 ... R Rowe
6 0/ GOING SOLO 877 S Woodman 5-10-9 ... S Smith Eccles
7 0-54 GOING UP 22 M Madgwick 4-10-9 ... D Madgwick (7)
8 -433 HJANI 22 P Butler 8-10-9 ... S McKeever (5)
9 00P- KNOWSTONE 281 C Popham 6-10-9 ... A Bowell (7)
10 36F0 MARMION 44 J Redmond 4-10-9 ... G Moore
11 50 NICOLAKI 25 T Jones 4-10-9 ... C Cox
12 -P33 RIVERTINO 30 P Mitchell 5-10-9 ... —
13 0P64 ROSSMICHAEL 7 G Ham 4-10-9 ... S Mackey (7)
14 STATELY LOVER D Grissell 6-10-9 ... H Davies
15 P TRIDENT TESTED 15 M Robinson 4-10-9 ... L Harvey
16 -652 TRYUMPHANT LAD 20 T Jones 5-10-9 ... M Furlong
17 02 CARELESS KISS 8 A Moore 5-10-4 ... G Moore
18 -PPP INKPEN LADY 24 (B) D Welsh 5-10-4 ... Mr A Welsh (7)
19 6 KILBREEDY 24 (B) J Ffitch-Heyes 6-10-4 ... R Goldstein
20 3-2 ROSITARY 30 (BF) S Mellor 6-10-4 ... P Barnard (5)

7-2 Brave Setanta, 5-1 Bahrain Bridge, Rivertino, 7-1 Tryumphant Lad, Rositary, 10-1 Big Finish, Careless Kiss.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 32 winners from 82 runners, 39.0%; J Gifford, 48 from 204, 23.5%; R Akehurst, 12 from 56, 21.4%; S Mellor, 4 from 19, 21.1%; Mrs J Pitman, 5 from 25, 20.0%; J Jenkins, 20 from 100, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: J Lower, 8 winners from 14 rides, 57.1%; S Smith Eccles, 14 from 55, 25.5%; R Rowe, 35 from 193, 18.1%; A Tory, 4 from 24, 16.7%; Dale McKeown, 10 from 61, 16.4%; M Pitman, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

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Jenkins eyes Tolworth

Atlaal, earmarked for the Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown Park on January 6, enjoyed the perfect *tune-up* when smoothly landing the odds in the Peter Pan Novices' Hurdle at Stratford yesterday.

Although he won three races in a row as a colt on the Flat for Henry Cecil, Atlaal has had his attitude to racing questioned by some observers. However, John Jenkins, who bought him for only 7,400 guineas at the autumn sales and had him gelded, said: "That's all nonsense. For me he's 100 per cent and perfectly genuine. They'll all change their tune when he wins the Tolworth."

Steve Smith Eccles certainly gave the heavily-backed 13-8 on chance a sweet preparation, holding him just off the pace as Sharon's Royale made the running, then sending him on turning for home to score by three lengths.

Up and Coming made a promising debut over fences in the Alice In Wonderland Novices Chase, Gordon Johnson Houghton sending the six-year-old ahead approaching the last for a seven-length victory.

Windsor entries

Michael Robinson's New Zealand import Valrodian, already well backed for the Champion Hurdle, is likely to make his British debut in the New Year's Day Hurdle at Windsor on Monday. There are 13 entries for the £20,000 listed race.

ENTRIES: Calapaez, Kribensis, Wishlon, Aldino, Vicario Di Bray, Beldale Star, Island Set, Positive, Robin Wonder, Ryde Again, Valrodian, Tree Poppy, Highflying.

WARWICK

Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Only For Me. 1.00 Classey Boy. 1.30 Stephens Pet. 2.00 Bold King's Hussar. 2.30 Celtic Bob. 3.00 King Of The Lot. 3.30 Trefelyn Cone.

Going: good to soft

12.30 BOB CRATCHIT NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,526: 2m) (25 runners)

1 BOY JAMIE 90F (Mrs K Wrighton) J White 5-11-0 ... K Burke —
2 800-0 CENTENARY STAR 44 (Daily News Ltd) R Hollinshead 4-11-0 ... Gary Lyons (5) —
3 06 CHARMED KNAVE 39 (Mrs M Oleson) E Wheeler 4-11-0 ... — —
4 00 CHIEF'S CHOICE 30 (J Beckwith) E Owen jun 4-11-0 ... D J Burchell —
5 300 DEEP DARK DAWN 25 (J Upson) J Upson 4-11-0 ... R Supple (3) —
6 3/0-PP DON'T TELL RUTH 7 (N Blair) F Walwyn 7-11-0 ... K Mooney —
7 50/ DO YOUR OWN THING 875 (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 6-11-0 ... D Murphy —
8 FIFTH AMENDMENT (W Robins) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0 ... D Gallagher (3) —
9 0-P HEAVY BRIGADE 86F (B) (J Tucker) A Barrow 6-11-0 ... W Irvine (3) —
10 0- HIDDEN PLANET 67F (Capt. J A George) J George 4-11-0 ... I Lawrence (3) —
11 00P- HURRY ON HARRY 291 (Woodrock Investments Ltd) M Wilkinson 5-11-0 ... P Kelly (7) —
12 00-0 MAYBE BABY 27 (S Lindsey) D Barons 4-11-0 ... N Hawke (3) ● 99
13 MEL'S ROSE 51F (R Sabey) G Hufter 4-11-0 ... J McLaughlin —
14 F/ ONLY FOR ME 1245 (Mrs A Prideaux) P Hobbs 6-11-0 ... D Hood (7) —
15 RESIDENCY 444F (R Richmond-Watson) J Webber 5-11-0 ... M Lynch —
16 40P/ ROXALL CLUMP 755 (M Motley) P Bailey 5-11-0 ... Mr E Bailey (7) —
17 0 THREEOUTOFFOUR 16 (Miss C Brennan) O Brennan 4-11-0 ... M Brennan —
18 0 TUDOR ROMANCE 7 (T Arnold) M Eckley 4-11-0 ... S Arnold (7) —
19 P/00- ANNIE DE POMME 380 (Mrs J Chadwick) Mrs J Chadwick 5-10-9 ... Mr J Trice-Ralph —
20 0-315U FIRST CRACK 25 (F) (D Pugh) F Jordan 4-10-9 ... J Lodder (5) 82
21 0- JUST ONE KISS 28F (R Giles) W Wilson 4-10-9 ... R Campbell —
22 3R-4 MISS CHEERFUL 87 (D Currie) P Leach 4-10-9 ... — —
23 0 NESAGA 30 (M Hair) M Wilkinson 5-10-9 ... J Shortt —
24 5 NOT SO SHY 16 (K Dancer) Miss L Siddall 4-10-9 ... A J Quinn (5) 85
25 0 PENNY DREADFUL 62 (G Burton) T Casey 5-10-9 ... G Donaldson (7) —

BETTING: 9-4 Maybe Baby, 7-2 Mel's Rose, 5-1 Fifth Amendment, 7-1 Not So Shy, 8-1 Charmed Knave, 10-1 First Crack, 12-1 Miss Cheerful, 14-1 others.

1988: FIRST DIVISION 5-11-0 R Dunwoody (11-10 fav) S Christian 23 ran

1.0 CHRISTMAS PAST NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,778: 3m 1f) (14 runners)

1 81U4-12 DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 14 (D,BF,F,G,S) (R Baines) K Bailey 7-11-10 ... I Lawrence (3) 84
2 64-P25 RONANS BIRTHDAY 7 (Bresner Fabrications Ltd) Mrs S Oliver 7-11-1 ... R Hyett 80
3 28433P MOUNTAICO 3 (Whitcombe Manor Racing Stables Ltd) N Mitchell 7-10-11 ... D Skyrme (5) 80
4 25/5- CELTIC CAPRI 318 (BF) (J Cork) J Cork 10-10-10 ... — 85
5 4F42-R6 AMETHEA 8 (Lady Bailey) T Bailey 7-10-7 ... Tamya Davis 82
6 F94P-1 CLASSEY BOY 9 (S) (A Kaplan) G Ham 6-10-7 (7ex) ... — ● 99
7 8U3PP-0 PEA SAL 14 (D Ward) M Oliver 6-10-6 ... J Railton (3) 81
8 380-355 FATHER PADDY 8 (P Morgan) J Webber 7-10-5 ... M Lynch 80
9 0/PF0-60 NO REBASSE 8 (D Hillyard) Mrs S Armytage 7-10-5 ... Gee Armytage —
10 085-442 LOVER BILL 30 (B) (Dr P Brown) M Wilkinson 7-10-4 ... J Shortt 85
11 P-B03P5 ABBEY BRAVE 7 (L Jones) J Pickering 6-10-0 ... D Dennis (7) 82
12 6PFR/4P- MELISSA GOLD 407 (G Bebbington) G Bebbington 8-10-0 ... — —
13 P05/U25 SANDMOOR PRINCE 25 (Mrs T Pritchard) Dr P Pritchard 6-10-0 ... Dr P Pritchard 80
14 8340-25 SWEET SIRENIA 27 (G Ratcliff) Mrs A Ratcliff 7-10-0 ... J Lodder (5) —

BETTING: 15-8 Docklands Express, 3-1 Classey Boy, 9-2 Lover Bill, 6-1 Mountaico, 8-1 Ronans Birthday, 10-1 Father Paddy, 12-1 others.

1988: GOOD WATERS 8-11-13 Mr G Upton (3-1 fav) S Christian 15 ran

1.30 BOB CRATCHIT NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,526: 2m) (25 runners)

1 5134-0 BEN HEAD 9 (D,S) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 7-11-0 ... J Railton (3) —
2 82 BRITANNIA BELL 7 (K Ward) M Britain 4-11-0 ... D Byrne 99
3 P-P DYFED 27 (D Morris) M Tate 4-11-0 ... C Smith —
4 00 FABLED ORATOR 25 (B) (Dr P Ash) G Gracey 4-11-0 ... — —
5 5 FALLOPOLIS 57 (P F M Civil Eng Co Ltd) J Edwards 4-11-0 ... T Morgan —
6 60-4635 FIRST RANK 27 (R Nicholls) Mrs J Croft 6-11-0 ... — 75
7 KENTISH PIPER (M Gibson) N Gaselee 4-11-0 ... A Adams (5) —
8 000408- KOKOSCHKA 285 (Roe Racing Ltd) G Roe 7-11-0 ... P McDermott (7) —
9 203-U LAUNDRYMAN 59 (Burford District Laundry Co Ltd) S Mellor 6-11-0 ... K Mooney 98
10 0 MR STRIDER 36 (Woodrock Investments Ltd) M Wilkinson 5-11-0 ... R Supple (3) —
11 NARE POINT (A Deal) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0 ... D Gallagher (3) —
12 0085/ OCEAN LAD 181F (E Lodge) A Chamberlain 6-11-0 ... W Morris —
13 0/03634- PARSONS PLEASURE 307 (J Wilkinson) M Wilkinson 5-11-0 ... J Shortt 84
14 PLAUSIBLE 50F (Unicorn Bloodstock and Racing Ltd) K Brassey 4-11-0 ... M Richards —
15 455030- STEPHENS PET 286 (Mrs M Potter) O O'Neill 5-11-0 ... V Slattery (7) 89
16 P0 STORMY PRAISE 36 (K Stokes) P Rodford 5-11-0 ... D Morris 78
17 0-6 TIME STAR 36 (Mrs C Antrobus) T Forster 5-11-0 ... Mr M Armytage 84
18 P0- TURKISH TOURIST 31F (Mrs A Thom) D Thom 4-11-0 ... D Murphy —
19 0 WATERMEAD 27 (J Brown) D Gandolfo 4-11-0 ... W Humphreys (3) —
20 2 WEBBS WONDER 27 (Mrs M Webb) P Hobbs 4-11-0 ... D Hood (7) ● 99
21 COUSIN FLO (Mrs R Wilson) J Webber 4-10-9 ... M Lynch —
22 0/P COVA GAILE 9 (Mrs K Lloyd) T Bailey 5-10-9 ... — —
23 0- EVE FROM EDEN 246 (Maj R Thorman) C James 5-10-9 ... A McCabe (7) —
24 5-4 KITCHI KOO 30 (P Price) A J Wilson 5-10-9 ... A Webb —
25 P/P MISS HADDON 27 (J Bosley) J Bosley 6-10-9 ... M Bosley —

BETTING: 10-11 Webbs Wonder, 7-2 Stephens Pet, 11-2 Laundryman, 8-1 Kitchi Koo, 12-1 Nare Point, 14-1 others.

1989: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

2.0 JACOB MARLEY NOVICES CHASE (£2,719: 2m) (12 runners)

1 0 ATTRACTIVE 15 (Dr B Alexander) M Robinson 5-11-4 ... J Duggan —
2 1550-F6 BOLD KING'S HUSSAR 5 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Plunkett) Mrs S Armytage 8-11-4 ... Gee Armytage —
3 01400/0- BUTT AND BEN 440 (D,G) (Lady Aitken) F Walwyn 5-11-4 ... R Chapman —
4 52545F CELERY RISE 17 (D Sherman) D Barons 5-11-4 ... E Byrne —
5 5006P/0- FAREWELL TO ALMS 378 (Mrs G Tricks) P Jones 7-11-4 ... — —
6 21P22-5 HALLCROSS 20 (B,D,S) (C Wilkinson) O Sherwood 5-11-4 ... M Richards —
7 200P-0F HEAVENLY BROTHER 57 (D,F,S) (Whitcombe Manor Racing Ltd) N Mitchell 6-11-4 ... — —
8 6/ JIMMY TWIST 825 (M Howard) K Bishop 6-11-4 ... — —
9 F5 NEARLY READY 51 (J Upson) J Upson 6-11-4 ... R Supple (3) —
10 000/0 QUARRY TOWN 44 (Mrs E Ellis) J Edwards 6-11-4 ... T Morgan —
11 0000- SPLITTHEDIFFERENCE 254 (V Barclay) D Nicholson 5-11-4 ... R Bellamy (5) —
12 23413-4 WILTSHIRE YEOMAN 57 (D,G,S) (J Sawyer) P Hayward 9-11-4 ... B Wright ● 99

BETTING: 7-4 Bold Kings Hussar, 100-30 Hallcross, 4-1 Wiltshire Yeoman, 13-2 Butt And Benn, 1988: POSITIVE 6-11-11 R Beggan (4-5 fav) K Bailey 15 ran

2.30 TINY TIM HANDICAP HURDLE 9£2,442: 2m) (14 runners)

1 4PF256- PEARLY KING 309 (D,G,S) (W Smith) S Christian 6-11-10 ... A Mulholland (5) 91
2 FP-0306 HAMPER 21 (D,G) (Whitcombe Manor Racing Stables Ltd) N Mitchell 6-11-6 ... — 96
3 05-02F4 CELTIC BOB 39 (D,F,S) (Mrs C Cooper) O O'Neill 9-11-4 ... V Slattery (7) 95
4 21203/ CAPULET 792 (D,BF,S) (I Fry) C James 6-11-4 ... J Shortt —
5 8/03-621 LIGHTNING WIND 23 (D,F) (A Schiff) N Gaselee 6-11-2 ... A Adams 95
6 210/P STAR OF IRELAND 7 (D,G,S) (W Sheedy) W Sheedy 9-11-2 ... S Hodgson (7) —
7 51/31-5 BOLD ILLUSION 16 (CD,F,G,S) (H Thursfield) M Eckley 11-11-2 ... I Lawrence (3) 96
8 002P5-3 BROWN RIFLE 9 (D,S) (R Forsyth) D Burchell 9-10-10 ... D J Burchell 93
9 66430- CANONESS 50F (D,F) (A Byrne) P Hayward 8-10-6 ... Gee Armytage ● 99
10 20-3610 MOUNTAIN MAN 6 (CD,F,G,S) (C McDonagh) R Dickin 13-10-1 ... M Jones (5) 93
11 P/1346-2 TERRA DI SIENA 6 (CD,F,S) (Cliftster Labels Ltd) P Hobbs 7-10-0 ... A Carroll 84
12 0400-0P YANKEE SILVER 23 (CD,G,S) (T King) G Gracey 6-10-0 ... — 96
13 44/050- BUMPTIOUS BOY 335 (T Pilkington) A J Wilson 5-10-0 ... B O'Dowd (7) 86
14 500/P FORGE CLOSE 6 (E Jones) P Rodford 6-10-0 ... W Irvine (3) —

Long handicap: Terra Di Siena 9-13, Yankee Silver 9-13, Bumptious Boy 9-5, Forge Close 7-13.

BETTING: 11-4 Canoness, 7-2 Lightning Wind, 5-1 Hamper, 13-2 Celtic Bob, 8-1 Capulet,

1988: RUSTY ROC 7-10-10 W Knox (7-1) M Davies 17 ran

3.0 BLACKMORE HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £2,966: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

1 F-34F1P HERBERT UNITED 6 (D,F,G,S) (Lady Harris) G Balding 10-11-11 ... S Mullins (7) 94
2 F32122- KING OF THE LOT 244 (G,S) (Major R Yule) R Lee 6-11-10 ... — 92
3 5-12212 MAJOR MATCH 43 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (Lady Zetland) T Forster 7-11-2 ... M Armytage ● 99
4 0-36425 WHAT A WALLY 14 (BF) (R Falers) M Oliver 7-10-0 ... M Harris (7) 91

Long handicap: What A Wally 9-6.

BETTING: 13-8 Major Match, 15-8 Herbert United, 11-4 King Of The Lot, 6-1 What A Wally.

1988: AUNTIE DOT 7-11-7 Miss J Henry (7-2 jt-fav) J Webber 10 ran

3.30 CHRISTMAS PRESENT NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£2,024: 2m) (25 runners)

1 11 TREFELYN CONE 7 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Watts) M Pipe 5-11-9 ... M Foster (7) —
2 9/1- REGAL FLAME 394 (S) (P Tylor) R Frost 6-11-2 ... P Johnson (7) —
3 AUTUMN GOLD (Mrs B Gittins) D Barons 4-11-0 ... N Hawke (3) —
4 BELSTONE FOX (Mrs R Sian) D Nicholson 4-11-0 ... R Bellamy (5) —
5 BEN MACK (K Place) C Bell 4-11-0 ... S Davies (5) —
6 BROWN SMASHER (Mrs S Slater) A James 6-11-0 ... E Tierney (7) —
7 BUDDY HOLLY (R Bonnycastle) N Henderson 4-11-0 ... C Haggan (7) —
8 CASH FLOW BAY (T Flaherty) M Pipe 4-11-0 ... NON-RUNNER —
9 CASTLE ORCHARD (Beaconsfield Developments) P Hayward 6-11-0 ... A Charlton (3) —
10 CHERRYKINO (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 4-11-0 ... J Railton (3) —
11 CORMEEN CROSS (Mrs J Todd) O Brennan 5-11-0 ... Helen Brennan (7) —
12 DEERHURST (R Allsop) Mrs H Parrott 4-11-0 ... Mr J Pritchard —
13 0- FALSE ECONOMY 303 (M Shone) J Edwards 4-11-0 ... — —
14 GORSE HUNTER (P Hobbs) P Hobbs 6-11-0 ... D Hood (7) —
15 JURANSTAN (Arrow Valley Transport Ltd) C Trietline 4-11-0 ... P Harley (7) —
16 KERFUFFLE (G Harwood) G Harwood 4-11-0 ... Miss A Harwood (5) —
17 KNOCK AGAIN (J Hales) J Leigh 5-11-0 ... Gary Lyons (5) —
18 NOBLE RAIDER (A F Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0 ... D Byrne —
19 SOLO CORNET (W Farrell) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-0 ... W Dwan (7) —
20 TIBITOFF (T Staffolding) M O'Neill 4-11-0 ... A Stanford (7) —
21 TRUE MAGIC (P Gray) D Murray Smith 5-11-0 ... P Verling (3) —
22 BERESFORDS GIRL (Beresford Mills) R Holder 4-10-9 ... N Mann (7) —
23 FIRST REVIEW (Woodrock Investments Ltd) M Wilkinson 6-10-9 ... R Supple (3) —
24 MEGA BLUE (B G Riley & Son Ltd) Miss L Siddall 4-10-9 ... A J Quinn (5) —
25 NEARLY TIME (Mrs J Dibben) B Smart 6-10-9 ... S McDougall (7) —

BETTING: 4-6 Trefelyn Cone, 4-1 Kerfuffle, 6-1 Regal Flame, 8-1 Belstone Fox, 12-1 others.

1989: OWENA DEEP 4-10-2 A McCabe (12-1) D Elsworth 24 ran

Course specialists

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	Winners	Runners	Per cent
G Gracey	4	14	28.6
M Pipe	20	90	22.2
O Sherwood	10	46	21.7
N Henderson	11	51	21.6
K Bailey	7	33	21.2
Mrs J Pitman	16	77	20.8

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
W Irvine	5	20	25.0
M Brennan	3	16	18.8
T Morgan	3	18	16.7
K Mooney	7	62	11.3
Gee Armytage	3	30	10.0

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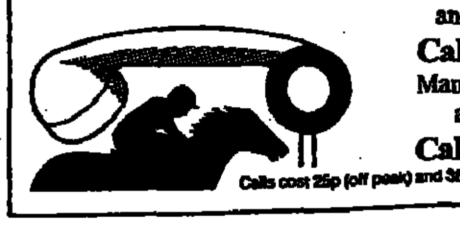
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Peter Ball recalls who said what in the world of sport in 1989

I assure you it was not a publicity stunt

— Frank Warren on his first public appearance after being shot as he arrived at one of his promotions

BARRY GREENWOOD

I am actually very shy — Michael Knighton, who juggled the ball in front of the Old Trafford crowd after announcing his intention to take over Manchester United

What we mustn't do is panic, because if we've had one big fault in the past, that's what we've been inclined to do. ***Peter Swales, the Manchester City chairman, looking forward to his side's return to the first division in January.***

To give someone an MBE just because he is good at throwing darts is unbelievable. Why didn't they go the whole hog and give him a knighthood? ***Anthony Beaumont-Dark, MP, on the award to Eric Bristow in the New Year's honours list.***

MCC have never yet subscribed to the freedom of thought which goes hand in hand with the unisex sauna. ***Jack Bailey, former MCC secretary arguing against admitting women into the Lord's pavilion.***

Laura's coming out for a couple of weeks, but I shall have a headache. ***Frank Bruno at his training headquarters for the Tyson fight.***

Good clean fun and late night revelry are two different things — but I will insist that any ladies involved must be extremely good-looking. Anything which embarrasses the game is wrong. But if it is in private what could be better? Even in the middle of a Test. ***Ted Dexter setting out his guidelines before being appointed chairman of England's selectors.***

If every country had an attack like the West Indies, Test cricket would die pretty quickly. You can only think of survival, not of playing shots. ***Allan Border, Australia's captain, after a fraught third Test against West Indies in Melbourne.***

At least we're bowling people out in less than a day, so that stuffs up this over-rate business. ***Clive Lloyd, West Indies manager.***

This will mean even more money knocking around to play in South Africa. ***Mike Gatting on the ICC decision to ban players from Test cricket who visit South Africa.***

The price of blackmail is eternal ransom, and they may live to regret it in future. ***Norris McWhirter, of the Freedom Association, on the ICC decision.***

A few days ago John Carlisle and Norris McWhirter were in court, arguing about about principles. They spoke in highfalutin terms about freedom. It's a pity that they don't set equality of races as high as the freedom of 300 county cricketers. ***Peter Roebuck.***

They can get £20,000 for having their heads knocked off in the West Indies or £60,000 for two tours of South Africa. ***Jack Bannister, secretary of the Players' Association, on the choice likely to be facing England players.***

Fortunately our chaps are proper chaps and they do have some intelligence. Therefore they are able to countenance a multiplicity of set plays suited to the occasion. ***Barrie Williams, Sutton United manager, on the tactics which defeated Coventry in the FA Cup third round match.***

With all the media attention, I don't suppose I'll be laying too many bricks today. ***Matt Hanlan, scorer of Sutton's winning goal.***

My father was a bricklayer and as a teenager I would go out and help him work. When you go out there and it's 100°F every day and you have your brother tossing you bricks, you learn how to use your hands. ***Jerry Rice, San Francisco 49ers wide receiver, the Super Bowl's most valuable player.***

The schools can't help the kids who need it. They can't supply spikes, vests or even transport. The kids who progress tend to be the ones whose parents can afford to help. We're becoming a white, middle-class sport. ***Angela Littlewood, Southern Counties AAA development officer on the cutbacks in sport in schools.***

There was bad publicity last year after the accidents and it was in influential papers. Basically, Wall Street matters. ***Ken James, Land Rover Ltd's marketing director, explaining the absence of an official Range Rover team from the Paris-Dakar Rally.***

No way are we going to sack him. He's just got us into a semi-final. ***Maurice Rowarth, the Nottingham Forest chairman, responding to complaints about Clough's scuffle with some fans on the pitch.***

We just can't get the players. We won't pay them, and we can't compete with those who do. ***Cardiff Committeeman after his side's 35-4 defeat by Bath.***

Baron de Coubertin has said that the most important thing in sport is taking part. Well, I would qualify that by saying that unless one has an equal chance of winning, then taking part doesn't interest me. ***Jacques Fouroux, coach to the French national team.***

Tennis in Britain is too high class. They should begin to look in the poor regions for their players. Tennis is not easy, it is a rudimentary sport which is hard work. They should take their people to somewhere like Czechoslovakia. There they have a system which finds 200 kids, which becomes 100, and then 50 and then 20. Then you start with 200 more. You get the best kids, mentally and physically, and you put them through fire. ***Ion Tiriac, Becker's coach***

The tunnel vision is just not there. I'm not willing to sacrifice everything for tennis. I'm too old for that, too mature for that. ***Martina Navratilova after defeat by Helena Sukova in the quarter-finals of the Australian Open.***

Why should anyone choose to deal with Wimbledon instead of dealing with us — a company they know and respect and with whom they would make more money? ***John Cook, Denton and Warner's ticket agency, dismissing Wimbledon's plan to buy back debenture holders' tickets and re-sell them at an inflated price.***

I think he should go for Prime Minister, or be a priest. George Francis, Bruno's trainer, on Bruno's desire for a rematch with Tyson.

League rugby has given the game a new dimension. Sides like Bath have set the standard on and off the pitch. There is a need for clubs to become more professional. Who knows, in a few years time we could be known as Ford Harlequins, with advertising on our jerseys. ***Colin Herridge, secretary of Harlequins.***

Look at Steve Davis, the snooker player. He wins everything, but they don't like him. Look at me. I win everything and they don't like me. But who do they love? They love Frank Bruno, who shouldn't be allowed in the same ring as Mike Tyson. And they love that Eddie, the Hopeless Eagle. That's the British public for you. ***Eric Bristow.***

I'm convinced that what the public want are heroic performances and chivalrous conduct. And like most of them, I don't believe winning is everything. ***Ted Dexter in March.***

In your late forties it's tough to concentrate for four days. Hell, I lose car keys, I need a rope round my glasses and I drive to old addresses because I forgot I've moved. ***Lee Trevino after leading the field in the first round of the Masters, the oldest player to do so at the age of 49.***

I don't mind being the ex-Masters champion. It feels a lot better than not being an ex-Masters champion. ***Lyle after losing his title to Nick Faldo.***

The first Nordic skiing event I entered was over 50 kilometres. I must have been crazy. It took me four hours. For the last five or 10 kilometres there were 70-year-olds carrying big bags and flasks of coffee whizzing past me. Small children too. I was so embarrassed I tried to hide my race number. ***Dag Burgos, Guatamalan Nordic Skiing team member.***

It's all the same to me whether it's 100-0 or 50-0. ***Neil Glass, New Zealand ice hockey goalkeeper who conceded 123 goals in four matches.***

I've never let in as many goals in a proper match — but I enjoyed every minute of it. Norwich were so friendly. Bryan Gunn, their 'keeper, gave me a jersey, a pair of gloves, and an autographed programme. And he also bought me a beer. ***Trevor Roffey, Sutton United goalkeeper, after his side's 8-0 defeat in the FA Cup fourth round match at Carrow Road.***

Sutton were a credit to the Vauxhall Conference, but we were a credit to the first division. ***Dave Stringer, Norwich City's manager.***

I don't envy Koeman. As far as I'm concerned I got the better deal. You don't play with fivers dangling in front of your eyes. I've been here for seven years and it seems like two. ***Steve Nicol, on signing a life contract with Liverpool in the same the week that Ronald Koeman signed one worth £7 milion with Barcelona.***

The English are mentally inferior rugby wise — and as a race. They feel inferior and play inferior. You have to look at their body language. They can't believe themselves when they score. They are amazed. ***Brian Thomas, former Wales lock and Neath coach before England's visit to Cardiff. England lost.***

The scheme is being introduced by a Sports Minister who, in his own sport as a rowing cox, has been used to facing a different direction from everybody else. ***Gordon Taylor, the Professional Footballers' Association chief executive, on the ID card bill.***

Their cox is so useless she might hit us. Cambridge should have chosen someone who knows the river. ***Pat Sweeney, the Oxford coach, on Cambridge's American cox, Leigh Weiss.***

This race is no longer nice, clean, clinical rowing for boys. It has become confrontation. ***Ronnie Howard, Boat Race umpire.***

I am not necessarily forecasting success for England. There is no reason why, in a country where it is often impossible to have building work done or a motor car serviced properly, its sporting tradesmen should perform any better. ***Graeme Wright, editor of Wisden, previewing the season***

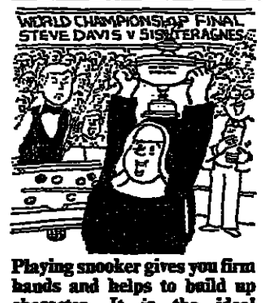
I don't think Karen and I will be living actually in Widnes. ***Jonathan Davies seeing the town for the first time after becoming rugby league's most expensive recruit.***

I don't know what he was used to, but he thinks Widnes is a wonderful place. ***George Sadler, Simms Cross RFC secretary, on his club's Tongan, Boblin Tuavao.***

Nobody here gives a damn about technique any more. It's all up-and-unders. ***Keith Burkinshaw after deciding to go abroad again following his resignation as Gillingham's manager.***

I've even seen youth coaches running about with clipboards. They're marking channels where the goalkeeper is required to kick the ball and pen in the opposition. How can a boy improve in a team where the goalkeeper is an attacker? ***Joe Jordan, Bristol City's manager.***

I remember coming here with Wimbledon and telling players if they didn't behave they'd end up here. ***Dario Gradi, Crewe manager.***



Playing snooker gives you firm hands and helps to build up character. It is the ideal recreation for dedicated nuns. Archbishop Luigi Barbarito.

The F.A.Cup isn't worth it. There is nothing worth one death, let alone a hundred. ***Kenny Dalglish, Liverpool manager, after the Hillsborough tragedy.***

Football was the one thing we did as a family, and now we are not a family anymore. ***Trevor Hicks, whose two daughters were killed at Hillsborough.***

The saddest sight I've ever seen, and the most beautiful. ***Kenny Dalglish on the tribute of flowers and scarves at Anfield.***

What are we supposed to do if we score against Liverpool? Jump for joy? ***Nottingham Forest player facing the FA Cup semi-final replay.***

We asked certain players whether they had a commitment to go to South Africa. They all said no. Our information was different and, as it transpired, accurate, but we could hardly say they were lying and not select them. ***Ted Dexter after the news of the rebel South African tour broke during the Old Trafford Test.***

Sorry, I can't say anything at the moment. My comment is in the car. ***South African tour member asked for his reasons for going.***

Standing with your bat in the air destroys rhythm and balance. Our batters stand much easier at the crease. Our bats are also very much lighter than the Englishmen's, and they are getting lighter all the time. ***Bob Simpson, the Australian manager, as the inquest into English batting failures intensified.***

THATCHER OUT. lbw Alderman O! ***Graffiti in London loo.***

With respect, £20 million is not a lot of money. ***Michael Knighton, parrying questions about where the money was coming from, after announcing in August that he was buying Manchester United.***

We had to go out and field late in the day. I set no sort of example to the side, but I think they understood. I was miles away, wondering what on earth I had done to deserve suddenly being judged incapable. Nothing in life is sacred, but I do feel I had done enough to hang onto my place and my dignity. ***David Gower, on discovering he had been left out of the party for the West Indies tour as well as losing the captaincy.***

I never thought it would come to this. Just think — waiting for a result at Pontypridd. ***Yorkshire Committeeman. Yorkshire would have been bottom of the championship if Glamorgan took seven points from their last game.***

There was a hole down there so big you could rent it out in London. ***John Lowe, jockey, on the subsidence which caused the cancellation of the St Leger at Doncaster.***

The machinations of Welsh politics are quite beyond me, mercifully. They are quite incredible, aren't they? A great seething pot-pourri, an unsavoury goulash of a dark and dirty Celtic colour, right? ***John Kendall-Carpenter, chairman of the five nations' committee, which sent out the South African invitations.***

I have torn Wales from my heart. My wonderful memories — including my first international at Cardiff Arms Park — are now all sour. The Welsh will crawl in future. ***Dr Danie Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board, responding to the Welsh decision to sever all links with South Africa.***

Teaching and coaching is a very boring topic, but if no-one is doing it, there's no Twickenham. It's glamorous coming to Twickenham for an international; it's unglamorous getting 30 boys together on a wet night at a small club, but it's vital. ***Don Rutherford, RFU technical administrator.***

We've got more coaches at the club now than National Express, but he can come back if he wants to. In my day the only coaches we had were called charabancs and had four wheels and a man in a peaked hat. ***Paul Rossiter-Marvel, the Blackheath RFC secretary, on the decision by the club coach, Alex Keay, to stay away and think things over.***

Modern day football man is about David Murray, Irving Scholar, Wallace Mercer of Hearts, and Michael Knighton. Contrary to popular belief they are not the scourge of the game but will come to be seen as its saviours. ***Michael Knighton after his attempt to buy United had apparently been rescued by Murray's bankers.***

I hate what has been going on. All the newspaper headlines, the speculation, the ugly rumours. United has been like a political football which has been kicked around, and it looks as if it might burst. ***Bobby Charlton, Manchester United director, as Knighton's attempt to buy the club stalled.***

I never enjoy watching my own team play. ***Howard Wilkinson, Leeds United manager.***

My mother's been watching my fights for years, and nothing like this has happened before. ***Tony Wilson, boxer, after his mother jumped into the ring and attacked his opponent, Steve McCarthy, with a stiletto-heeled shoe.***

I wanted to be different. There's nothing special about being a heavyweight or having an Olympic gold medal in the United States. ***Lennox Lewis, Canadian super-heavyweight, explaining why he had chosen to turn professional in Britain.***

I'm the thoroughbred of heavyweight boxing. It's just that I've been starting from the wrong gate. ***Tyrell Biggs, American heavyweight, blaming failures on a drugs problem.***

Ain't no sense in playing with the flat bellies when you can play with the round bellies. ***Lee Trevino looking forward to joining the veterans' tour.***

Just because a guy walks like a nerd and talks like a nerd and dresses like a nerd doesn't mean to say he is a nerd. ***Ellen Green on her husband Ken, US Ryder Cup player.***

On those closing holes the pressure was incredible and anyone can crack, even the Americans. ***Tony Jacklin, Europe's captain, on the Ryder Cup success.***

I'll take a win anyway I can. Winning ugly beats the heck out of losing pretty. ***Tom Kite on his 19th hole victory over Christy O'Connor to put the US into the Dunhill Cup final.***

Nothing against poor Joan Collins, but Lester is twice as exciting to the Irish. ***Phoenix Park racing manager on the Cartier Million's use of celebrities to compete with the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.***

They're office people I expect, yuppies, city slickers more used to tackling desks all day. Brian Harris, Berry Hill prop, on his side's 15-12 Pilkington Cup win over London Scottish.

I know of no other business that would secretly negotiate such a deal without bothering to inform its sponsor. ***Len Owen, Benson and Hedges special events manager, on the TCCB decision to move the B and H Cup from BBC to BSB.***

Lots of people want to score at Villa Park — this could be a dream come true for some. ***Steve Stride, secretary of Aston Villa, on his club's proposals to convert the North Stand offices into a hotel.***

It's quite scary and imposing to go hunting with the Quorn. It's partly because of the company, which has been known to include lords, ladies and the ex-lead guitarist of Showaddywaddy. ***Lottie Bulwer Long.***

The last time we got a penalty away from home, Christ was a carpenter. ***Lennie Lawrence, Charlton manager.***

The promotion of Wayne Shelford is now Wayne Shelford's full-time employment. ***Wayne Shelford's agent, explaining how the All Blacks' captain could charge £500 for a personal appearance and remain an amateur.***

I can see I will have to get together with Mr Shelford for a bit of a yarn. ***John Sturgeon, the All Blacks manager, when a story broke of IMG's plans to exploit Shelford.***

These Welshmen get pretty worked up, don't they? It's pretty poor sportsmanship when fans start knocking people about who are doing a good job. ***John Sturgeon on the attempt by two Neath supporters to assault referee Fred Howarth after the All Blacks 26-15 win.***

There is a stable door slightly ajar. Outside the stable door, eight members of the International Board are scrummaging furiously, trying to keep the door closed. Inside are the Scots and the Irish, but every other horse has bolted. ***Finlay Calder, Scotland and British Isles captain, on the spread of professionalism in rugby union.***

People like the hard men. Put Wade (Dooley) in a leotard and he'll make a fortune. ***Steve Smith, former England scrum half.***

Rugby players are highly articulate, give or take the odd prop or two. They fit the bill, no rings in the ears, no tattoos, and by and large they are from the top A B groups. ***Mike Burton, former England forward now a ticket entrepreneur, on rugby players' marketing potential.***

Our academic entry standards are very high nowadays. This is bound to restrict the number of rugby players we are able to recruit. ***Ted Wood, Durham University.***

It's typical of rugby. They never go all the way. ***Ian McLauchlan, former Scotland prop, on the proposals to allow players to receive broken time payments and fees for writing books and making personal appearances.***

On the day I was named, everyone spotted that Ted felt unable to confirm it was a unanimous decision. It never occurred to me I might not have been Ted's choice. ***David Gower on discovering in November that Dexter had wanted Gatting as captain.***

I think it's only fair the world should know that Ted and Mickey wanted Gatting. They have taken a lot of stick and it's right that the record should be put straight. ***Ossie Wheatley, chairman of the TCCB cricket committee, confirming in November that he had vetoed the re-appointment of Mike Gatting as England captain.***

The coach in this country has to have the true vocation of a nurse, the motivation of Svengali, the technical knowledge of an engineer, and the ethics of a saint. ***Ron Pickering, athletics commentator, at the UK Coach of the Year awards.***

Hitler didn't tell us when he was going to send over those doodlebugs, did he? ***Bobby Robson refusing to announce his team in advance of the World Cup qualifying match in Sweden.***

I wasn't kicked by Bird, but the superlatives were super. ***Ray McHale, Scarborough manager. Bird, the York manager, had been arrested following a touchline dispute between the two.***

They have to be Solomon in a split second. ***Bobby Campbell, Chelsea manager, on referees.***

What is the world going to think? That Australia has become a namby-pamby nation which doesn't know how to drink. For God's sake, in my day 58 beers between Sydney and London would virtually have classified you as a teetoailler. ***Ian Chappell, former Australia captain, on revelations that batsman David Boon had consumed 58 beers on the team flight.***

It's as if a lot of cowboys fell out of bed the day after Cheltenham, read the newspapers and decided to cash in. ***Richard Burridge, Desert Orchid's major shareholder, on the commercial exploitation of his horse.***

The recommended basic weekly wage for a stable lad of 19 or over is £104 — about the same as an annual badge at Newbury. ***David Sieff, chairman of the trustees of Racing Welfare.***

We all make enemies in the boxing game, but Frank Warren makes them easier than most. ***Mickey Duff, rival promoter, after Warren had been shot.***

Of course they want him back. Just imagine the TV audience they will get the next time Johnson runs against Carl Lewis. ***Steve Ovett on moves by IOC members to cut short Ben Johnson's sentence for drug taking.***

Last year was the shabbiest and shoddiest in more than 50 years. We would have to go back to the 1930s to see anything comparable. We then went into the sordid business of selling and buying the club. We have been a laughing stock on the field for some time. Now we are a laughing stock everywhere. ***William Humphreys, aged 80, a Manchester United shareholder.***

It falls on my shoulders, but I'll say until my dying day that no chairman ever won a match. ***Martin Edwards, Manchester United chairman, replying to shareholders' criticisms.***

The manager had no repartee with the fans. Peter Swales, Manchester City chairman, explaining the dismissal of manager Mel Machin.

I didn't weigh it up enough and I'm the berk. ***Peter Swales blaming his failure to get Joe Royle as Mel Machin's replacement on bad timing.***

We started the game. We have a moral right to lead it. If we let our standards slip, the others will slip too. It's up to us to impose draconian measures to make sure that doesn't happen. Is it worthwhile going on unless we restore values for the benefit of the next generation? ***Ossie Wheatley, chairman of the TCCB cricket committee, explaining his veto of Gatting's appointment as captain.***

Once you lose control on the field, you are on the slippery slope to ruin. Look at what's happening in football. ***Wheatley.***

When Liverpool play like this it is a joy to be a professional footballer. Nothing else matters when we produce football like we did today. ***Peter Beardsley, after his side's 5-2 victory at Stamford Bridge.***

The last Englishman who made an impression here was D H Lawrence. That's the level we hope to keep things on. ***Franco Staffa, of Sardinia's Anglo-Italian cultural society, on having England based in the island.***

Marketing a woman is quite hard. You are dealing with men who have preconceptions about the value of women. The only way to hit the button with them is through sexuality. ***Norman Norrington, manager of world squash champion, Martine Le Moignan, explaining her posing in camisole and French knickers.***

The players we have to work with and compete against seem to be so shallow. It is not stimulating enough for me. I just want to have good interesting conversations with normal people. ***Valda Lake, eleventh-ranked British woman tennis player, explaining her decision to retire from the sport and go to art college.***

Winning Women: In the final part of the series, **Rex Bellamy** reveals how many a male tennis chauvinist fell in the Eighties

King successors silence the loud-mouths

Minorities tend to make a lot of fuss. That way, they hope to attract attention and support and eventually become majorities. What weakens the case, often, is an over-zealous readiness to invite controversy, and risk ridicule by pressing the accelerator of publicity without first putting the brain into gear.

In that respect, the loud-mouths who denigrate women's tennis had a bad time in the 1980s. The usual line of attack was that men played better tennis — better, that is, in terms of efficiency — and that women received more prize-money, more prominence in the order of play, and more exposure in the media than they deserved.

A collateral assault involved an obvious paradox. Women were often criticized for not playing like men but the women who did play like men were also criticized, with much sexual innuendo, for not playing like women. To merge the two arguments, it was suggested that women were inferior because they could not play "men's" tennis, and that it was not much to their credit if they could.

One does not need a degree in dialectics to spot the flaws in all that. Nor does one have to be a feminist to suggest that, in the past decade, Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova and Steffi Graf have, in different ways, knocked the stuffing out of the male chauvinists. They represented three types of women and three types of player. All were, and in two cases, still are, well worth watching.

To generalize, which is always fun, the recently retired Evert was woman first, tennis player second, and a baseliner; Navratilova, a self-confessed bisexual, is a superb exponent of the muscular serve-and-charge method; and Graf, still maturing as a woman, is an enviably gifted athlete whose tennis combines qualities evident in Evert and Navratilova.

Critics do have one sound point. It is reasonable to suggest that the men's game has more depth of competent professionals, that too many women are over-paid mediocrities, and that women do not merit a draw of 128 in grand slam events. But let us get back to the main point: that women's tennis is inferior.

It is manifestly unfair to apply to tennis an argument that is not applied to athletics, in which women are not expected to run as fast, jump as high, nor throw as far as men do. Nor are women expected, for example, to match men in clouting a golf ball or swimming from one end of a pool to the other.

Men are stronger. In most sports, consequently, their level of efficiency must be higher. But one should always compare like with like: men with men, and women with women. As for the efficiency factor, this bears little relation to entertainment value, and professional tennis is the most thriving mixed-sex segment of the sporting entertainment business.

Consider, too, sex appeal. What on earth is wrong with it? Any entertainer lucky enough to be born with good looks and a figure to match has the right, even the duty, to make the most of those assets. Were we offended when, between rallies, such consciously handsome chaps as John Newcombe and Adriano Panatta puffed out their chests and did a "Me Tarzan" act?

Talented trio: Navratilova (left), Graf (centre) and Evert — different types of women and different players

Or when Evert, who considered it unladylike to fall down, wiggled her hips a mite more than the chore of locomotion demanded? Or when Helen Gourlay fluttered her eyelashes, or the likes of Kerry Melville and Betty Ann Stuart smiled the knowing smiles of those who know that they look good even when doing nothing?

Trivial though it may be, all that is part of the game's aesthetic and human appeal, and it does not interfere with play. One could say that the better-looking players have a special responsibility when it comes to dressing the shop window of tennis. In the past decade, the women have frankly accepted that responsibility. They enjoy being dames.

This has been a deliberate corporate development. A decade or so ago, women's tennis had an exaggerated butch image and sometimes attracted groupies whose sexual orientation seemed ambiguous. One former Davis Cup player, having watched a group of women tennis players come into a restaurant, maliciously insisted that at first he thought they were a rugby team.

The situation was never remotely as bad as that paragraph may suggest. But women's tennis did have a problem. So the word went out that, whatever they looked like, players should smarten up. They did, too. Andrea Temesvari went over the top in cultivating glamour. So did the annual calendar featuring some almost unrecognizable players posing as models. But the general tendency was sound and effective.

For most of his life, Ted Tinling, the dress designer, had been trying to persuade women that looking good was also good for business and need not be bad for tennis. During the 1980s, the tide was decidedly in his favour. As an example, the annual Federation Cup tournament gained much and lost nothing from a fashion parade in national costumes.

This shift of emphasis has had a peripheral benefit for the public. Guys like looking at girls, and for different reasons (the feminine interest in clothing and beauty aids) girls also like looking at girls.

Moreover, women tennis players, collectively, behave better than men do. I once raised this point with JoAnne Russell while we were on the way from Manhattan to Flushing Meadow. She put it down to the fact that, in tennis, women tended to conform to the behavioural pattern expected of them in society as a whole. Let the feminists pick the bones out of that. . . .

We have established that, in the 1980s, the women in tennis more candidly embraced their aesthetic appeal and, at the same time, consolidated their reputation for (usually) good manners, and an insistence on honouring the sporting code. There was also slightly more depth of class at the top of the rankings — and more emphasis on Europeans and teenagers.

Ten years ago, the average age of the top 10 was almost 27, and that elite included three players born in Europe. Now the average age is 23½, and six of the 10 leading players were born in Europe. The recessions have been in Australia and, even more so, in Britain. Australians are still there or thereabouts but, in playing terms, Britain (Virginia Wade and Sue Barker were both in the top 10 a decade ago) has become a backwater of women's international tennis.

Graf is not yet mature enough to shoulder off-court duties for women's tennis, as Evert and Navratilova did in the 1980s. In every other respect, she is already an exemplary No. 1: wonderfully gifted as an athlete and tennis player, capable of adapting her game to any opponent or surface, and an ideal role model for the generation she leads.

Navratilova is still there to fortify the confidence of the over-30s, but has never before had so many teenagers on her heels: notably, in order of seniority, Gabriela Sabatini, Natalia Zvereva, Mary Joe Fernandez, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, Conchita Martínez, Monica Seles and Jennifer Capriati.

Note the weight of Spanish-speaking players. With the help of South Americans, Spanish has become the game's second language for both sexes. Note, too, that in 1989, Sánchez and Martínez took Spain to the final of the Federation Cup for the first time.

With young players coming to the fore in such strength, it must be doubted that the Women's International Tennis Association (WITA) will continue to have the influential leadership Evert and Navratilova gave it in the 1980s.

Women's tennis has been better organized than the men's game. The WITA, in harness with tournament directors and sponsors, quietly acquired a controlling role without need for the inevitable but divisive revolution that is now putting the men's Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) in charge of most of the men's circuit.

The watershed year was 1973, when the ATP justifiably boycotted Wimbledon (an unfortunate result of a dispute with which Wimbledon was only indirectly connected), while Billie Jean King was inspiring the women to new levels of dignity and organization.

That was the year in which the WITA was founded, women were granted parity with men in prize money at the United States championships, and King humbled that notorious male chauvinist, Bobby Riggs, in "The Battle of the Sexes" at the Houston Astrodome.

"The truth is — and I am sad to say it — my showdown with Riggs was the biggest match in the history of tennis," King wrote later. "My victory over a man 26 years my senior was no great feat. Yet if I had done nothing sensational, I had shown thousands of people who had never taken an interest in women's sports that women were skilful, entertaining and capable of coming through in the clutch. The match legitimized women's tennis."

Slightly overcooked, perhaps. But King demonstrated that Riggs and a lot of other men had underrated women as athletes and entertainers. The self-styled "Old Lady" must be proud of the way her successors carried the flag through the 1980s.

RUGBY UNION

Thompson keeps Cheshire smiling

By Michael Stevenson

Lancashire 18 Group 4
Cheshire 18 Group 25

Cheshire 18 Group, triumphantly confident in all phases, outran and outplayed a disappointing Lancashire 18 Group side at Preston Grasshoppers to win by three goals, a try and a penalty to a try.

The most interesting facet was the contrast in styles. Cheshire kept the ball alive, slipping it in, or just before the tackle, while Lancashire tended to turn their backs on the opposition and put the ball down on the ground. Yesterday's match suggested that if the former method can be employed safely, it is infinitely preferable.

Thompson, the Cheshire full back, had a wonderful match. He is genuinely fast and elusive, full of natural games ability and his highly impressive goal-kicking comes as a bonus.

After early pressure, Cheshire led through Baxendale's penalty, before consolidating with a splendid individual try by Thompson. He collected near the halfway line, outpaced the cover on a crossfield loop and, having chipped ahead, won the race for the touchdown.

Bracken and McRacken engineered a try for O'Doherty to make it 7-4 at half-time but, after an early period of Lancashire pressure, the second half was dominated by Cheshire.

The crucial try, which put Cheshire two scores ahead, followed some slick handling with Thompson again in the line, before the speedy Morrin made good ground and, under extreme pressure, provided the scoring pass for Birt. Thompson converted.

They went further ahead when Morrin fed Devereux as he was tackled. Harper carried on the movement and Davies put Baxendale in for another fine try. Davies had been at fault when he had ignored Thompson, unmarked inside him, following an incisive break, and he would have appreciated Baxendale's beautifully timed pass which put him in for the final try for Thompson to add his third conversion.

SCORERS: Lancashire: Try: O' Doherty. Cheshire: Tries: Thompson, Birt, Baxendale, Davies. Conversions: Thompson (3). Penalty: Baxendale.
LANCASHIRE 18 GROUP: P Jones (Arnold); L O'Doherty (Stonyhurst), N Thompson (Arnold), A Falzon (Stonyhurst), A Marrow (Arnold); C Maudsley (Rossall), K Bracken (Stonyhurst, capt); J Kitchen (Hutton GS), J Black (Kirkham GS), J Turner (Range HS Formby), M Greatorex (King Edward VII), J Wamsley (Stonyhurst), A Richards (Arnold), M Molloy (Liverpool College); rep: P Griffin, Lancaster RGS), A McCracken (Arnold).
CHESHIRE 18 GROUP: C Thompson (St Anselms College); B Morris (Caldy GS), R Davies (Poynton County HS), J Baxendale (Kings Macclesfield), J Pearson (Wirral GS); A Birt (Kings Macclesfield), R Harper (Poynton County HS); J Cook (Marple Hall), G Lewes-Lloyd (Birkenhead, capt), J Meechin (Kings Macclesfield), M Devereux (Wirral GS), A McLennon (Wilmslow HS), S Parrott (Atlantic College), T Downes (Kings Macclesfield), A Oliver (Stockport GS).
Referee: G Hughes (Manchester and District).

Bradford end term strongly

Schools rugby
by Michael Stevenson

RGS High Wycombe, a state school that manages to run rugby as keenly and efficiently as most in the independent sector, have had a wonderful season. They lost one match early on but won the next 16 and have scored 594 points and conceded only 90.

The strength of RGS senior rugby is reflected in Buckinghamshire's 16 and 18 Group sides. Both are unbeaten, with RGS providing nine to the 16 Group and eight to the 18 Group, including both captains.

Loretto ended the term with the creditable record of nine wins from 12 matches, scoring 214 points to 110 conceded. Their two most recent successes were against **Glasgow Academy** (22-10) and **Strathallan** (11-10).

An indifferent start to the season by **Bradford GS** has been erased by excellent wins against **RGS Lancaster** (47-7), **Arnold** (26-20) and **St Peter's** (22-0), to give them a record of eight wins from 10 matches.

Phil Smith, for so long the dedicated master in charge of rugby at **Douai** was honoured by the appointment of Roger Quittenton to referee his last match in charge of the side. Douai duly beat **Dauntsey's** 10-0 but did not possess the players to enjoy a good season generally, finishing with five wins, a draw and 11 defeats.

Rugby, who have had a difficult season, went to **Radley** without their captain and Chidi-Ofong, a wing. Trailing 4-0 at half-time, they fell apart in the second half and lost 32-0. Rugby's best wins were against **Nottingham HS** and **Warwick** but they regard their near-defeat of the all-conquering Oundle side as the best performance.

Radley's exhibition against Rugby followed a narrow win over **Harrow**, by 7-3, giving them nine wins and two defeats from 11 games.

Victories over **Ipswich** (8-4) and **Stamford** (18-4) were the highlights of a successful season for **Bishop's Stortford** who won 10, drew two and lost two, scoring 205 points and conceding 149.

Magdalen College School have broken even for the second successive season, winning seven and losing seven with one match drawn. The side's strength lay in its front five of the pack, where Alex Barbic, their powerful prop and captain, was outstanding.

Assurance bred by familiarity

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

The Anglo-Scots will challenge for their first McEwan's district championship tomorrow with a side unchanged from that which beat the Scottish North and Midlands last weekend. Therefore they will have gone through the competition using only 16 players, the one change having been caused by illness.

The growth of such familiarity will be of obvious benefit against Glasgow at Burnbrae (though the West of Scotland ground is hard hit by frost this week). Macklin, the London Scot, sustained a shoulder injury during the last outing but has recovered in time to play in a game made piquant by the fact that Glasgow, too, can win the championship.

The Anglos are unbeaten and a draw will suffice for them whereas Glasgow, having drawn against Edinburgh, must win. So far the Anglos have won their district fixtures by one point, three points and six points but any margin of victory will do on a weekend when the Scottish selectors pick their teams for the national trial on January 6.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/P	Runs to resort	Weather + temp (5pm)	°C	Last snow fall
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	10	80	fair	varied	closed	fine	-2	25/12
Good skiing above 2000m but early ice on nursery slopes, and 20min queues.								
AUSTRIA								
Igls	0	12	worn	varied	closed	fine	0	24/12
Worn patches at Igls. Lower slopes at Axamer icy and crowded.								
Mayrhofen	5	20	icy	none	worn	fine	-5	23/12
Good slopes at top of Ahorn, but Penken runs are now worn and icy.								
Obergurgl	30	100	fair	heavy	icy	fine	-5	24/12
Skiing conditions in Hochgurgl are good, although lower slopes are very icy. Vast majority of runs remain open.								
St Anton	20	60	fair	varied	icy	fine	-2	23/12
Artificial runs very icy. Snow cannons working overtime.								
FRANCE								
Chamonix	10	50	fair	varied	closed	fine	0	22/12
Many pistes above 2000m are open.								
Flaine	3	50	fair	rocky	closed	fine	-1	22/12
In places.								
La plagne	20	60	fair	fair	worn	fine	-2	22/12
Glacier conditions excellent. Other pistes good with worn patches.								
Tignes	15	130	fair	varied	poor	fine	-2	23/12
Excellent sunny skiing on Grande Motte glacier but long queues.								
Val thorens	15	50	poor	varied	worn	fine	-3	22/12
Good soft snow on upper slopes. Lower slopes icy and rocky. 60 per cent of lifts working.								
ITALY								
Cervinia	25	60	fair	varied	worn	fine	4	22/12
Still good skiing available on higher slopes, especially on glacier.								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	15	30	good	varied	fair	fine	-1	24/12
Good on piste skiing.								
Davos	10	50	good	powder	closed	fine	-5	24/12
Good skiing but restricted by lack of snow.								
Saas fee	5	70	fair	varied	closed	fine	2	28/12
Good skiing on glacier slopes, with some icy patches.								
Verbier	10	40	fair	varied	closed	fine	-3	22/12
Good skiing on and off piste at Savoleyres. Runs on verbier side good at Mont Fort and Lac des Vaux.								
Zermatt	0	50	fair	none	closed	fine	2	24/12
Hard-packed snow with icy patches but good piste skiing on Kleine Matterhorn and three runs open at Sunegga.								

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

ITALY	L	U
Aratoa	5	55
Bormio	0	80
Cervinia	30	90
Corona d'Ampezzo	0	50
Corvara	5	25
Courmayeur	15	50
Livigno	40	120
Madesimo	0	60
Madonna di Campiglio	0	60
Tonale	30	80
Selva di Valgardena	10	40

● Information supplied by the Italian Tourist Office.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: Conditions: snow level, 2800ft: vertical runs, nil: Runs: upper, little snow, no skiing; middle, no snow; lower, no snow: access roads clear; chairlifts car park operating, tows closed. Glenshee: nil. Lecht: Conditions: snow level, 2100ft: vertical runs, nil: Runs: main, none complete, patches only; beginner, none complete, patches only; access roads clear; tows closed. Additional information: No complete runs; patches of hard packed snow with ice. Aonach Mor: Conditions: snow level, 2800ft; vertical runs, 500ft: Runs, upper soft snow, limited skiing available on top run only; lower, no snow; access roads clear; gondola lift open; Snowgoose T-bar and chair open for access only; summit button open for skiing; alpine lift and beginners lifts closed. Additional information: Limited skiing and a lot of walking involved. Glencoe: Conditions: Snow level, nil; runs upper and lower no snow; tows closed. Forecast for the Scottish ski resorts for Friday: A strengthening airstream over the mountains during the next 24 hours will lead to general southerly winds nearing 30 mph with gusts nearing 50 mph. The weather will be mainly dry, although a few showers in the western resorts can be expected. Freezing levels will rise above the summits in the west, so no significant snowfall is expected, even on the highest slopes. Outlook for the next 48hrs: The most significant weather condition will be the strong, at times gale-force, south-southeasterly wind. It will stay mainly dry apart from minor showers in the west, and most resorts can expect sunny intervals. Western resorts can expect increasing amounts of rain, sleet or snow at high levels from tomorrow onwards.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

HOCKEY: PENALTY BY BOLLINGTON ENABLES EAST TO SCRAPE THROUGH OPENING SENIOR MATCH

Close encounter: Bollington (centre) forcing the penalty that enabled East to beat West

Titleholders off to shaky start

By Joyce Whitehead

The three-day women's Natwest Territorial Cup and Under-21 Territorial Trophy got off to a good start at the Leisure Complex in Silksworth, Sunderland, yesterday but East, defending both titles, had a shaky start and only just beat West 1-0 in the first senior match.

Lyn Bollington, captain, scored their only goal from a penalty stroke in the 64th minute.

The South looked the fittest and best organized team and started well with a goal from Anne Green, of Ealing, only for the West to equalize by half-time and the second-half tussle produced no further goals.

At the start, the North and Midlands match was a bit piecemeal and North settled first with a goal from Fione Lee. But Midlands came back strongly after half-time and the North's defence was under much pressure. They owed their 1-0 victory largely to good goalkeeping by Pat Wells

In the under-21 contest, Midlands had a convincing 4-1 win over South and the holders East came to grief when Petra Wiltshire (Chilton) scored twice in the first half for the West to give them a 2-0 win. Midlands had quite a struggle against North. Joanna Toon (Sutton Coldfield) and Kate Entwhistle (Aldridge) found the goal in the second half

RESULTS: Seniors: East 1, West 0; North 1, Midlands 0; South 1, West 1. Under-21: Midlands 4, South 1; West 2, East 0; Midlands 2, North 0.

Houghton leads romp

South East began the defence of their under-18 title in the NatWest divisional tournament at Coventry School yesterday with a 5-0 victory over North East, Robert Houghton leading the scoring with three goals (Sydney Friskin writes).

An early goal by Sawa, who followed up from a short corner was the spur for South East, whose lead was increased shortly before half-time by Houghton. Their strong running overwhelmed the North East defence in the second half and Houghton completed his treble with Seddon adding the other goal.

Despite splendid goalkeeping by Mason, who plays for Firebrands in the league, West lost 2-0 to a more enterprising East side. Both goals came in the second half through Loftus and Tansley, the latter earlier depriving West of a certain goal by saving from Cook.

South West scored an impressive 3-0 win over North West with goals by Gardiner, from a short corner, Hauck and Giles from a penalty stroke.

In the under-16 category Midlands, the title-holders, held off a spirited challenge by North East to win 1-0. Artist scoring in the fifth minute.

RESULTS: Under-18: North East 1, Midlands 3, North West 0, South West 3; West 0, East 2; South East 5, North East 0; Midlands 3, North West 1; South West 2, East 3. Under-16: South East 7, West 1; North West 2, East 1; North East 0, Midlands 1; South West 2, South East 2; West 3, East 6; Midlands 0, North West 1.

NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Decline of Darlington unties the Conference

By Paul Newman

After only two months of the season the GM Vauxhall Conference championship was being written off in some quarters as a one-horse race. However, the recent decline of **Darlington**, which culminated on Boxing Day in their replacement as leaders by **Macclesfield Town**, has put at least four other clubs in serious contention for promotion to the Football League.

Darlington, who maintained a full-time playing staff after their relegation from the fourth division last season, won nine and drew two of their first 11 matches in the Conference, but in eight games since early October they have won only twice, scored only six goals and dropped 15 points. After leading the table all season, they are two points behind Macclesfield and **Kettering Town** and have **Barnet** and **Runcorn** only one and two points respectively behind them.

Brian Little, the Darlington manager, said: "Every team has a bad spell and the answer is to work hard at getting out of it.

"I've enjoyed leading the table, but there has been a lot of pressure on us. We've been the team everyone wants to beat. That pressure has told on one or two players and we must respond to that situation. If we win our games in hand, we would be top again."

Frank Gray, Little's assistant, has missed the last three games with a calf strain and McJannet is suspended for the visit of **Chorley** tomorrow. Little may make further unenforced changes by bringing in two youngsters, Hyde and Anderson. On Monday, Darlington travel to **Barrow**, who have the Conference's only unbeaten home record. The goalless draw between the two teams at Darlington on Boxing Day attracted the best Conference attendance of the season, 4,741.

The form team of the moment are Kettering, who have won their last four games and taken 26 points out of a possible 36 since the end of September. They are scoring freely and Cooke, who has hit six goals in the last four games, is the Conference's leading scorer with 17 this season.

Kettering have home games tomorrow and on Monday against **Farnborough Town** and **Boston United**, who are both in the bottom four. However, Kettering may be without Wright, who has an ankle injury.

Peter Morris, the Kettering manager, believes that Barnet's victory at Darlington last month was the key to opening up the championship race. Barnet should continue to strengthen their own chances at home tomorrow to **Sutton United** and away on Monday to **Enfield**, whom they beat 2-0 on Boxing Day in front of a crowd of 4,431 at Underhill.

A week tomorrow Barnet travel to **Kidderminster Harriers**, whose suprising decline continued with a 4-2 defeat at home to **Telford United** on Boxing Day despite a debut goal by Joseph, their £17,000-signing from Telford. Kidderminster have drawn one and lost six of their last seven games.

The most consistent team this season have been Macclesfield, who have gone top despite the loss in recent weeks of Lake, who was sold to Sheffield United, Derbyshire, who has retired, Sheppard, who is likely to miss the rest of the season through injury, and Wilson, who yesterday joined Scarborough. However, Macclesfield have difficult home fixtures tomorrow against **Runcorn** and on Monday against **Altrincham**.

Peter Wragg, the Macclesfield manager, said: "Being top probably does put a bit more pressure on us, but I'd rather be there than in sixth or seventh position."

ATHLETICS

Kenyans' decision cheers Coe

By David Powell

Sebastian Coe's prospects for a golden farewell to international competition have been improved with the confirmation that the Kenyan selectors are to remain firm to their warning that athletes who did not compete in the trials last weekend would not be selected for the Commonwealth Games in Auckland next month.

Coe, twice the Olympic 1,500 metres champion and world record holder at 800 metres, retires after the Games, in which he is to contest the 800 and 1,500 metres: now he finds that the Olympic champions at those distances, both Kenyans, are out of the running.

Paul Ereng, the 800 metres gold medal winner at the Olympic Games in Seoul, missed the trials in Nairobi through injury and the three places available have been filled by Tirop, Kibet and Kiprotich. Peter Rono, the Olympic 1,500 metres champion, declined to run because he was recovering from jet lag after racing abroad and the places at his distance have gone to Chesire, Tanui and Kirochi.

David Okeyo, the secretary of the Kenyan AAA, said that the squad would not be changed and that those who had not taken part in the trials are out of contention. The policy has also ruled out the world 800 metres champion, Billy Konchellah, and the world 10,000 metres champion, Paul Kipkoech.

Also omitted are Kipkemboi Kimeli, the Olympic 10,000 metres bronze medal winner who was on honeymoon at the time of the trials, Peter Koech, the 3,000 metres steeplechase world record holder, and Patrick Sang, the world's fourth fastest steeplechaser in history, though only two steeplechase places have so far been filled, by Kariuki and Kipkemboi.

John Ngugi, the Olympic 5,000 metres and world cross-country champion, has, like Kariuki, been selected despite being well beaten in the trials.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Detroit Pistons 99, Cleveland Cavaliers 82; Indiana Pacers 106, Orlando Magic 101; San Antonio Spurs 107, Washington Bullets 97; Minnesota Timberwolves 106, Houston Rockets 91; Dallas Mavericks 114, Atlanta Hawks 101; Seattle SuperSonics 110, Philadelphia 76ers 108; Boston Celtics 115, Sacramento Kings 112.
HAARLEM, The Netherlands: International tournament: Commodore Noordkop (Neth) 107, World Basketball League All Stars (US) 108.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Pittsburgh Penguins 7, New York Rangers 4; Toronto Maple Leafs 7, Detroit Red Wings 7; Washington Capitals 3, New Jersey Devils 1; Edmonton Oilers 2, Philadelphia Flyers 1; Los Angeles Kings 5, Calgary Flames 5; Vancouver Canucks 2, Montreal Canadiens 1.
HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Whiteley Warriors 6, Durham Wasps 15.
HELSINKI: World junior championship: Czechoslovakia 7, United States 1; Soviet Union 12, Norway 2.

HOCKEY

DELHI: Asia Cup: Final: Pakistan 2, India 0. Play-off for 5th place: China 2, Malaysia 1.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Wimpey under-24 open singles championship: Second round: A Lyons bt G Devereux, 6-2, 3-6, 6-5; J Prais bt I Snell, 1-6, 6-5, 6-3; B Grose bt T Cockroft, 6-0, 0-6, 6-4; P Peterson bt M Howard, 6-5, 6-3. Third round: M Eadie bt Lyons, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; Grose w o A Philips.

FOOTBALL

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Oxford United 2, Portsmouth 1.
VAUXHALL LEAGUE: First division: Metropolitan Police 0, Hampton 1.
TURKISH LEAGUE: Karsiyaka 1, Fenerbahce 2

Kevan stays put

David Kevan, Notts County's Scottish under-21 midfield player, has turned down a move to their third division neighbours. Mansfield Town. The clubs had settled on a fee but the player could not agree personal terms with George Foster, the Mansfield manager.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Second division
Plymouth v Hull (7.45)

Fourth division
Stockport v Cambridge Utd

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Horwich.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Trafford Borough v Carlisle (3.30).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: World club championships (Crystal Palace).
BOWLS: Mackesons Blackpool Fylde Classic.
DARTS: British Open (London).
HOCKEY: Women's territorial and under-21 tournaments (Silksworth, Sunderland).
ICE HOCKEY: Great Britain v Belgium (Durham).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 8-9am and 3-6pm: National Football League: Highlights and game of the week.
BASEBALL: Eurosport 6-7pm: The Old Timers match.
BASKETBALL: Screensport 10-11.30am and 9.30-11pm: College match: Wake Forest v Seton Hall and Seton Hall v Michigan.
BOXING: Screensport 11.30pm-1pm and midnight: Professional and Top Rank events from the United States.
CRICKET: Eurosport 2-3pm: World series: Highlights of West Indies v Pakistan.
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Goddard returns south to Millwall

By Dennis Signy

Paul Goddard, the Derby County forward, who has formed a prolific scoring partnership with Dean Saunders at the Baseball Ground, is set to sign for Millwall today for a club record transfer fee of £800,000. Goddard, who has maintained a house near London and has expressed a desire to return south, was talking last night with John Docherty, the Millwall manager, after the clubs had agreed the fee.

Although Derby would have preferred an exchange involving Tony Cascarino, Millwall's Republic of Ireland forward, they agreed to part with Goddard as "the money was too good to refuse". They will make a profit of £375,000 on a player, aged 30.

The move to Millwall will mean that Goddard, who has 11 goals this season, has been involved in transfers totalling £2.5 million in a 12-year career. He left Queen's Park Rangers, where he scored 23 goals in 70 League games, for West Ham United for £800,000.

After scoring 54 goals in 170 games for West Ham, he joined Newcastle United for £415,000 and, after another 61 games and 19 goals, moved to Derby for £425,000. Goddard played eight times for the England under-21 side and made one senior appearance for England as a substitute against Iceland in 1982.

Goddard could make his debut for Millwall on Monday against Derby. Arthur Cox, the county manager, has been linked with John Fashanu, the Wimbledon and England forward, and is likely to use the transfer money at the earliest opportunity on a replacement as both Ted McMinn and Gary Micklewhite have long-term injuries.

Leonel Alvárez, an influential member of Colombia's World Cup squad, is set to join Derby for a trial period, according to reports in Bogota yesterday.

The protracted transfer of Mark Ward from West Ham United to Manchester City was completed yesterday, with Ian Bishop and Trevor Morley moving south in exchange. Ward was valued at £1 million and City will receive a £200,000 cash adjustment.

Howard Kendall, the City manager, valued Bishop, aged 24, at £750,000, the money he cost City when he signed from Bornemouth last June. Morley was valued at £450,000.

Ward will make his debut for City against Millwall at Maine Road tomorrow although Kendall would not specify his position. Bishop, like Ward, a former apprentice at Everton, made only 19 League appearances for City.

Bishop is a favourite at Maine Road and Kendall is risking the wrath of the supporters by selling him. He countered criticism by saying: "I understand the supporters' appreciation of the two players who have gone but it is important to remember that before Boxing Day we were bottom of the table. If they wanted a new manager who would just come here, take stock of things and sit back, then they signed the wrong man."

Lou Macari, the West Ham manager, said: "I had no intention of selling anybody but with him [Ward] unhappy, I had to take the chance to bring in two players I really wanted."

Swansea City have made a six-figure offer to Chelsea to secure the services of goalkeeper Roger Freestone, who has completed three months on loan at the Vetch Field, on a permanent basis.

Ian Andrews, the Celtic goalkeeper, has joined Southampton on a month's loan as cover for Tim Flowers until a work permit can be obtained for the Norwegian, Ola By Rise. Southampton have also signed Neil Maddison, a midfield player, on a three-year contract.

Maid Of Money foils English challenge

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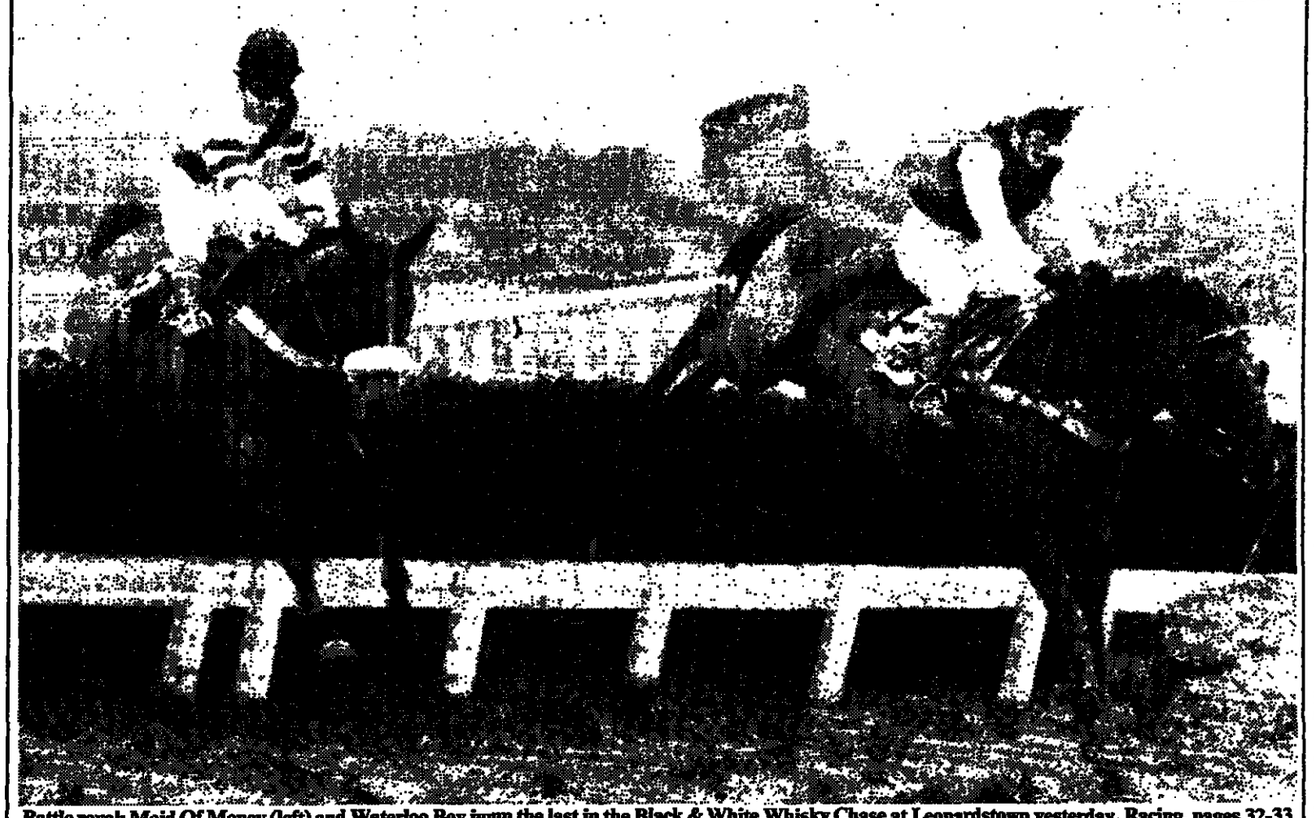

Battle royal: Maid Of Money (left) and Waterloo Boy jump the last in the Black & White Whisky Chase at Leopardstown yesterday. Racing, pages 32-33

Gallacher to spearhead the Ryder Cup defence

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

Bernard Gallacher, the natural successor to Tony Jacklin, will captain Europe against the United States in the Ryder Cup at Kiawah Island, South Carolina, in 1991.

Gallacher was officially given the role yesterday, although the committee sanctioned his appointment on December 14. "It's a great honour, naturally, and what makes it special is that the players want me," Gallacher said. "They supported Tony when he came in, and I would not have accepted the job had I felt I did not have their support.

"Tony led Europe in such a way that we have earned the respect of the golf world. The Americans now fear us whereas it was the other way round at the start of the 1980s. I look forward to continuing the trend in the 1990s."

Severiano Ballesteros and Nick Faldo, key figures in Europe's team, both expressed their faith in Gallacher. "Bernard knows what the Ryder Cup is all about and he had my vote," Ballesteros said.

Peter Alliss, Brian Barnes, Tommy Horton, John O'Leary and Ballesteros might have been candidates had not Gallacher received such overwhelming support.

"Bernard was the obvious candidate and the only one, in my opinion," Jacklin said. "He has the intelligence and qualifications to take on the role, and he is still close to the players, which is extremely important."

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Gallacher intends to increase from 13 to more than 20 the number of tournaments in which he competes this year in order to maintain contact with the players. "But I have no intention of being a playing captain, even if I did qualify for a place in the team," he said.

Ballesteros ruled himself out of the captaincy for that reason. "It might have been possible to combine the roles 25 years ago but not today," he said. "There is too much pressure involved."

Gallacher is looking forward to the challenge. "It will not be easy because we all know how badly the Americans want the cup back," he said. "But while it remains a daunting task, I am optimistic that we can succeed again.

"It is encouraging, of course, to know that we do have a very strong team, with the nucleus still there, and that there are many fine young players coming through in what is now a very competitive scene."

Gallacher will hold the position for two terms. The Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) have still to decide where the 1993 match is to be held, although The Belfry, the venue in 1985 and 1989, could play host again. Gleneagles, Royal Birkdale, St Mellion and Turnberry are among the other candidates.

It is not known whether Johnnie Walker will again sponsor the matches. The company has completed a feasibility study, but the PGA has still to present a new contract for consideration.

Wembley to host the Australians

By Keith Macklin

In a further attempt to spread the boundaries of rugby league in London and the South, the first British-Coal sponsored international against Australia next winter will be played at Wembley Stadium. The match, the first of three games, will be staged on either Saturday, October 27, or the following day.

David Howes, the public affairs executive of the Rugby Football League, said yesterday: "This will be the fourth time we have taken a game against Australia to the capital, and it is in line with our policy to take our leading events to areas which are ripe for development as the 13-a-side code grows in popularity."

In October 1963 a crowd of 13,946 watched the Australian fixture at Wembley, and in November 1967 there was an attendance of 17,445 at the White City stadium. In November 1973, the most recent occasion the fixture was played at Wembley, the game attracted 9,874. Rugby league officials believe that a crowd of more than 20,000 could be expected in 1990 to see the Australians.

Howes said that the decision on whether to play the match on Saturday or Sunday would be taken nearer the time after a number of consideration, principal among them potential of television coverage, had been assessed.

The second international will be at Old Trafford on Saturday, November 10, and the third will be staged at Elland Road, Leeds, on Saturday, November 24.

The 14-match tour will include eight matches against the leading first division clubs, excluding Bradford Northern, who will be punished for fielding a weakened team against the New Zealanders.

There will be a county match in Cumbria, and two games against those clubs, outside the existing fixture list, with the biggest gates, which is an incentive for second division clubs like Halifax, Oldham and Hull Kingston Rovers.

The Regal Trophy final will be staged at Headingley, on January 13, regardless of which two clubs reach the final. Leeds, who play at Headingley, are out of the competition.

END COLUMN

Fighting against four-day cricket

By Martin Searby

The Test and County Cricket Board's desire to see a programme of 16 four-day county championship matches brought in for the 1991 season is meeting spirited resistance.

When the board's cricket committee meets on January 22, Yorkshire, supported by Lancashire, Gloucestershire, and Worcestershire, will demand, at the very least, the fullest possible debate on proposals to alter the present structure of the game.

Those against a four-day championship include Geoff Boycott, who has recently been giving coaching to some of the younger England players who will be touring this winter.

He said: "All the great players who have emerged in recent times were brought up in the traditional three-day game. Since the introduction of one-day cricket and covered pitches, no one of similar stature to Hutton and Compton has appeared. We are going to be faced with a situation where those who want to bat all day will be allowed to bat for the rest of their lives and that can't be good."

Traditions which nurtured Hutton

Brian Walsh, QC, the chairman of Yorkshire, said: "We have had a working party on this for two years under the leadership of Bryan Stott, and we have a pretty substantial dossier of facts and figures we shall want to put forward. I don't want to pre-empt a committee decision but I find them pretty compelling."

Michael Jones, the chairman of the Worcestershire cricket committee, reinforced the Yorkshire view when he said: "Our problems here are our pitches. We haven't got much to laugh about and it wouldn't make much difference whether we played three or four-day cricket. We haven't had a meeting yet but I'm pretty certain on cricket terms alone we don't want it."

David Allen, the former England off spinner, who is chairman of the Gloucestershire cricket committee, said: "There is no doubt the prerequisite is the quality of the pitches. Perhaps it's a case of them being used too much, but it is a problem that needs a lot of close debate."

Brian Close, the chairman of the Yorkshire cricket committee, having been one of the loudest critics of the TCCB's proposals, is reluctant to make his point clear. But he said recently: "The whole idea is daft. We must get the pitches right. If we go on playing on the sort of surfaces we play on now, the captains will just muck about and we will end up having declarations on the last day, anyway."

Members making their voices heard

Close affirmed: "The past is not out of touch with the present. We just seem to have forgotten all the very important principles that made cricket in this country so virile 20 years ago."

Already Tony Vann, the Yorkshire committee member who volunteered to act as a clearing centre for a national campaign from members of county clubs, has had "an astonishing response". He is setting about collating names and addresses to present the TCCB with a petition at the full meeting on March 6 and 7.

"When I started this thing going, I never thought it would take off like this," Vann said.

"My telephone has never stopped ringing and the postman has to come round with a sack, which just goes to show how strongly members of clubs up and down the country feel about this issue. I can't think that the TCCB will ignore our wishes."

Tim Lamb, the TCCB cricket secretary, said yesterday: "We're well aware of all the criticism and we're not being dogmatic about the way we see the future. We want all the clubs to take the opportunity to air their views. But in full discussion I hope people will share the unanimous view of the previous cricket committee meeting."

Viewing figures grow for televised games

By Peter Ball

Figures released yesterday show that the first seven matches broadcast by ITV this season have been watched by 51.4 million viewers, an average of nearly 7.5 million per match, and a rise of 7.7 million over the same period last year.

Moving the kick-off time back and a slightly different presentation this season may have helped the figures, but with attendances at matches again showing an increase, it means the game goes into the Nineties with a much larger popular vote of confidence than its critics would expect.

The figures will give little comfort to critics of ITV's policy of concentrating on the big clubs, and especially on Liverpool. Unsurprisingly, Liverpool have proved the most popular side with the viewers, suggesting that quality is still the most important ingredient.

Three appearances by Liverpool have produced the three highest viewing figures, with eight million watching the game against Arsenal, 7.8 million the match with Spurs, and 7.6 million when they met Millwall.

Manchester United's poor form, and perhaps Arsenal's image as a hard-working side rather than an attractive one, meant their meeting attracted only 7.2 million, 300,000 fewer than the number of viewers drawn to the Everton v Manchester City game.

Everton have been involved in the lowest viewing figure so far, with only 6.4 million watching their defeat against Aston Villa at Villa Park.

Blake breezes into second place

By Barry Pickthall
Fremantle

Head winds caused by a passing high-pressure system helped the Peter Blake yacht, Steinlager 2, move into second place, four miles behind the New Zealand ketch, Fisher & Paykel, yesterday as the leaders approached Tasmania during the third stage of the Whitbread Round the World race.

Charles Jourdan, the lightweight French sloop, which led the chase across the Great Australian Bight earlier this week, dropped to third, 29 miles ahead of Britain's entry, Rothmans, in fourth place.

Both yachts lost valuable ground on the two leading ketches and are hoping for a change of fortune once they alter course around Tasmania for the northern tip of New Zealand.

Markku Wiikeri, the skipper of the Finnish entry, Martela OF, was back in seventh place yesterday, and blaming a hiccup in the Argos satellite system, used to track the yachts, rather than any faults onboard for his sudden slip to thirteenth on Wednesday.

A satellite pass at 09:30 GMT yesterday also failed to pick up the signal from Tracy Edwards's yacht, Maiden. The official positions, placing the all-women crew fourth in class, rely on a plot received two hours earlier.

Speaking to *The Times* yesterday, Edwards reported that the previous night had been one of the worst the crew had endured during the 3,400-mile stage from Fremantle.

"The winds came in with a vengeance, blowing 35 knots on the nose. It was really nasty weather and we were having to make three sail changes an hour, as well as replace one of the reefing lines on the mainsail," she said.

Edwards also reported that Maiden's generator broke down, but Dawn Riley managed to get it working again, though she is now suffering tendonitus in one arm after straining her muscles in the struggle to steer the yacht through the worst of the gale.

Two other British yachts changed places overnight, with Andrew Coghill's With Integrity getting the better of Creightons Naturally, in the cruiser class, for the first time during the leg.

At 13.08 GMT yesterday (with miles to Auckland)

MAXI DIVISION: 1, Fisher & Paykel, G Dalton (NZ), 1,568 miles; Steinlager 2, P Blake (NZ), 1,602; 3, Charles Jourdan, A Gabbey (Fr), 1,611; 4, Rothmans, L Smith (GB), 1,640; 5, Fortuna, J Santana (Sp), 1,672; 6, Merit, P Fehlmann (Switz), 1,702; 7, Martela OF, M Wiikeri (Fin), 1,715; 8, Satquote British Defender, Lt Com C Watkins (GB), 1,792; 9, Fazisi, S Novak (USSR), 1,804; equal 10, The Card, R Nilson (Swe) and UBF Finland, L Ingvall (Fin), 1,808; 12, Gelcrade, G Falck (It), 1,810; 13, Belmont Finland, H Harkimo (Fin), 1,815; 14, NCB Ireland, J English (Ire), 1,881; 15, Liverpool Enterprise, B Salmon (GB), 2,028.

DIVISION 2: 1, Equity & Law, D Nauta (Neth), 2,053.

DIVISION 3: 1, Schlussel von Bremen, J Orgelmann (WG), 2,139; 2, L'Esprit de Liberté, P Taberly (Fr), 2,139; 3, Rizzanor Sport, B Dubois (Bel), 2,150; 4, Maiden, T Edwards (GB), 2,156; 5, La Posse, D Maile (Fr), 2,332.

CRUISER DIVISION: 1, With Integrity, A Coghill (GB), 2,088; 2, Creighton's Naturally, J Chittenden (GB) 2,110.

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Sportsmen stand by Romania

By Our Sports Staff

Old rivalries and cold war politics are being put aside as various sports come to the aid of their Romanian counterparts during the present upheavals.

Yugoslavia has invited the leading Romanian athletes to train at the Adriatic over the winter. In France, all seat prices at the next round of the rugby union championship will be raised by one franc (10p) and the proceeds paid to the Romanian Rugby Union.

In a forgiving mood, Romania's football authorities have asked Yugoslavia if Miodrag Belodedici, who defected last January, could be released by Red Star Belgrade to play for Romania in the coming World Cup finals in Italy.

The offer to the Romanian athletes came as Yugoslavia prepares to stage the European athletics championships at Split this summer. "We learnt that Paula Ivan [Olympic women's 1,500 metre champion] and other top athletes were facing difficulties in the current political circumstances," Dane Korica, the technical director of the Yugoslav national team, said.

"We know how important winter training is, so we decided to call them to train with our team in Adriatic coast resorts over the winter."

Belodedici, the lynchpin of Steaua Bucharest's triumph in the European Cup in 1986, signed a four-year contract with Red Star Belgrade yesterday. He said he wanted to play for Romania again. "I am a Red Star professional now but Romania is in my heart and I love the Romanian people very much," he said.

Noah escapes twice from jaws of defeat

Perth — Yannick Noah has played many dramatic matches in his career, but few can have been as exciting as the 3-6, 7-6, 7-6 win over Michiel Schapers which put France through to the quarter-finals of the Hopman Cup at the expense of The Netherlands yesterday (Barry Wood writes).

After taking the first set, the Dutchman was broken for the first time as he served for the match at 5-4. He lost the tie-break, and the advantage in the final set after leading 3-1.

Isabelle Demongeot was hard pressed but claimed a 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory over Brenda Schultz.

RESULTS: First round: France 2, Netherlands 1 (French names first): I Demongeot bt B Schultz, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; Y Noah and Demongeot lost to M Schapers and Schultz, 3-6, 2-6; Noah bt Schapers, 3-6, 7-6, 7-6. Quarter-finals: Australia 3, Soviet Union 0 (Australian names first): H Mandlikova bt N Zvereva, 6-4, 6-1; M Woodforde and Mandlikova bt A Chesnokov and Zvereva, 6-3, 6-2; Woodforde bt Chesnokov, 6-4, 6-2.

Awards made to five British middlemen

By Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent

In an effort to encourage the middle ranks of British professionals, Warren Jacques, the men's international squad director, has made financial awards to five players for the 1990 season. The awards, totalling £5,000, have been sponsored by Direct Line Insurance, and will go towards travelling and accommodation costs for David Ison, Chris Wilkinson, Gary Engleman, Sean Cole and Andrew Sproule.

In one sense, the awards are compensation for past negligence; in another, they are rewards for improvement and perseverance. Four of the five players — Ison, Wilkinson, Engleman and Cole — improved their computer ranking through last year.

Ison, who was a set and break up before losing to Jeremy Bates in the quarter-finals of the national championships, and Sproule, also a quarter-finalist at the nationals, have impressed Jacques with their commitment.

Engleman and Cole did well in satellite tournaments at the end of last year.

"It is only by encouraging these players, as well as those ranked in the top 10, that we can expect to create any depth in men's tennis in this country," Jacques said.

A sixth player, Nick Fulwood, received a special award for the best performance by a British player at Wimbledon. He won seven consecutive matches to qualify and reach the third round, where he was beaten by Paul Chamberlin.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Costs are challenged

Ron Noades, the Crystal Palace chairman, yesterday called for changes in the way clubs are charged for policing grounds. Noades is unhappy about a bill Palace received for policing at a recent Zenith Data Systems Cup tie against Charlton.

The bill amounted to £7,521, which worked out at £1.15 per spectator. "There ought to be a system where we pay over a percentage of gate receipts — so much per spectator," he said.

Triple top

Delhi (Reuter) — The Pakistan hockey team won the men's Asia Cup for the third time yesterday, beating India 2-0 in the final with goals by Shahbaz Ahmed and Arif Bhopali.

Sturgess: honoured

Sturgess prize

Colin Sturgess, aged 20, who won this year's world 5,000 metres pursuit title in his first season as a professional cyclist, has been awarded Britain's leading cycling honour, the Bidlake Plaque. He had been recipient of the David Saunders trophy and this month the Sports' Writers' Association named him as Best International Newcomer.

Happy Wasps

Wigan Wasps swimming club has landed a £50,000 sponsorship in a three-year deal with the closed-circuit television company, Tele-Scan.

Back again

Britain returns to international race organization next week for the first time in five years when the British Ski Federation runs the European Cup women's super-giant slalom on January 4 at Lotschental, Switzerland, with 145 competitors.

Wing clipped

Moseley yesterday suspended Adrian Parsons, their wing, for three matches following an internal investigation into the incident in which he ran 25 yards and kicked Layton Jones, the Coventry centre, in the ribs at Coundon Road on Boxing Day.